**Drawn to Him**

*John 6:44*

**Introduction**

1. Jesus is the most prominent person of human history, universally known, and widely esteemed.
2. However, as popular as Jesus may seem in the world, the unfiltered Jesus of the Bible is scarcely accepted, much less celebrated.
3. Plenty of people think they are drawn to Jesus, yet the object of their interest, and the description of their journey do not match the words of Jesus in **John 6**.
4. The Father’s Drawing Power
5. What does it mean that the Father draws?
   1. ***“Draws”*** is better understood by the parallel terms:
      1. Coming is the result of being DRAWN (**v. 44**).
         1. Power of the Father on an individual.
      2. Coming is the result of being GIVEN to Jesus by the Father (**vv. 37, 39**).
         1. Prerogative of the Father in who Jesus will possess.
      3. Coming is the result of being GRANTED to come (**v. 65**).
         1. Permission of the Father to an individual.
   2. Each manifests an exclusive nature in the coming.
      1. Those who come can only do so by the MEANS of the Father – as He draws.
         1. Attempts outside of these means fail.
         2. It is not in man’s wisdom – **cf. 1 Corinthians 1:18-20; 2:4-5**
      2. Those who come can only do so by the CHOICE of the Father – as He gives.
         1. Attempts outside of this choice fail.
         2. It is not of him who wills/runs – **cf. Romans 9:15-16**
      3. Those who come can only do so by the AUTHORITY of the Father – as He grants.
         1. Attempts outside of this authority fail.
         2. It is not man’s will – **cf. John 1:12-13**
6. What is the Father’s drawing power?
   1. Drawing power – **(v. 45)** – the Father’s teaching. (**cf. Isaiah 54:13 – following chapter an invitation to come)**
   2. Taught 🡪 Heard 🡪 Learned 🡪 Comes
      1. COMING is the result of – DRAWN, GIVEN, GRANTED.
      2. DRAWN, GIVEN, GRANTED – by means of – TAUGHT, HEARD, LEARNED.
   3. ANOTHER FACTOR – ATTRACTION (i.e. whether or not what the Father offers in the Son attracts one to come):
      1. Draws – *helkyō* – “**(1) to move an object from one area to another in a pulling motion, *draw***, with implication that the object being moved is incapable of propelling itself or in the case of pers. is unwilling to do so voluntarily, in either case with implication of exertion on the part of the mover **(2) to draw a pers. in the direction of values for inner life, *draw, attract***, an extended fig. use of mng. 1” (BDAG)
         1. “metaph., to draw by inward power, lead, impel” (THAYER)
      2. One may be TAUGHT, HEAR, LEARN but not COME – **John 7:16-18** – if you truly want to do God’s will, you will know that Jesus’ will is in harmony with God’s, and you will come to Jesus – **John 7:37-38; 4:14**
      3. Context:
         1. **(vv. 26-27)** – laboring for physical food after Jesus’ miracle (feeding 5,000) – He stresses spiritual food.
         2. **(v. 35)** – He is the food. (gift giver, and gift itself)
         3. **(v. 63)** – the spiritual food He gives is His word. (**cf. John 1:14; 1 John 1:1** – He is the Word of life)
         4. **(vv. 65-66)** – they were not granted by the Father to come because they weren’t attracted to what He offered, so they left.
   4. His drawing power is the gospel, but not all want what the gospel offers – **1 Corinthians 1:22-23; 2 Corinthians 2:14-16**
7. What does it mean that those who are drawn come to Jesus?
   1. COME = BELIEVE
      1. **(v. 35)** – ***“comes”*** and ***“believes”*** are paralleled as are ***“never hunger”*** and ***“never thirst.”***
      2. Their problem – **(vv. 36, 40)** – they have seen Him, but have not believed.
         1. I.e. seen Jesus, but not SEEN Jesus – **(vv. 26-27)**
         2. They have not realized the SIGN(ification) of the miracle concerning Him.
      3. **(vv. 47-48)** – believes in Him – as the bread of life – **(vv. 41-42)** – that has come down from heaven.
      4. **(vv. 66-69)** – Peter confessed such faith – Son of the living God – come down from heaven.
      5. **Coming is accepting by faith all that Jesus says of Himself, and of His teaching.**
   2. BELIEVING = CONSUMING
      1. The belief in context is an active work – **(vv. 27-29)**
      2. Belief in Him who the Father sent is expounded in the “bread” metaphor – **(vv. 33, 35, 40)** – bread of life sent from God.
         1. **(vv. 50-51)** – bread to eat.
         2. **(vv. 53-58)** – feed on Jesus – abide – fellowship.
         3. Offensive to the fleshly minded – **(v. 60, 63)** – Jesus is using a metaphor – HE IS SPEAKING OF CONSUMING HIS TEACHING, THUS HIM, BY OBEDIENT FAITH. (**cf. Galatians 2:20** – letting Christ live in you – **v. 53** – life in you by consuming Him)
      3. **NOTE: Their minds went to manna, and Jesus showed them that He, not that, is the bread of life – (vv. 31-33, 49-50)**
         1. Manna was used by God to demonstrate what Jesus was trying to demonstrate – spiritual over physical – obedient faith in God’s word.
         2. ***“man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.” (Deuteronomy 8:3)***
8. **The Father *gives* men to Jesus, and *grants* men to come to Jesus, by *drawing* them and *attracting* them through what He offers in His word. Those who *hear* and *learn* His word *come* to Jesus *believing* in Him and allow Him to *take control* of their life by *faith*.**
   1. **What is it that draws one to Jesus through the word of God?**
   2. **What does God offer in Jesus that would lead one to surrender themselves entirely to Jesus’ control?**
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10. For Spiritual Healing
    1. **Coming to Jesus is NOT about** – physical healing, mental health, relationship repair, counseling, financial aid, political reform, etc.
    2. **Romans 3:23** – all have sinned.
       1. In darkness – **Colossians 1:13**
    3. Jesus is the Light, come to call out of darkness, to extinguish darkness – **John 1:4-5**
       1. Not all come to Jesus because they love darkness – **John 3:19-20**
    4. The cross attracts the humble and contrite hearts who, coming face to face with their sin, do not recoil and flee, but fall prostrate and plea – **John 12:32-33**
       1. At the cross we see the horror and shame of our own sin – some reject it in pride.
       2. **Those who are attracted to it see the horror and shame of their sin, but also the panacea for it!**
       3. “I come broken to be mended; I come wounded to be healed; I desperate to be rescued; I come empty to be filled; I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ, the Lamb.” (Just As I Am – I Come Broken)
          1. The cross is evidence of our being broken, wounded, desperate, empty, and guilty.
    5. **John 3:14-16** – as those in the wilderness came to look upon the bronze serpent, we come to the cross of Christ to be healed.
11. For Spiritual Sustenance
    1. **Coming to Jesus is NOT about** – physical food, entertainment/recreation, intellectual exercise, social stimulation, etc.
       1. These all represent matters which continue a cycle of want and replenishment which spirals downward into nothingness.
       2. **EX: We will always be hungry. Even when we are filled, our body will require more. This will continue until our body cannot function at all, and not even food can help it.**
       3. Jesus’ point – **John 12:8** – the poor will always be with us…
    2. Jesus offers true satiety – **Matthew 5:6**
    3. With two natures (flesh/spirit), man must determine which to prioritize – coming to Jesus is not for those who prioritize the flesh, for Jesus’ is concerned with the eternal.
    4. Jesus is the food which satisfies and sustains the soul eternally – **John 6:35** – NEVER.
       1. Some do seek spiritual sustenance, and think they find it, but then see that the source is lacking.
       2. **Jesus provides everything the soul needs – to complete satisfaction.**
    5. **John 4:13-14; 7:37-39** – described as a spiritual spring which is perpetually replenishing.
       1. To the extent of overflowing, providing others with spiritual refreshment.
    6. **John 6:55-56** – requires truly consuming Jesus – without fully letting Him in there will not be satiated hunger.
12. For Eternal Life
    1. ***“of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.” (John 6:39)*** – (**vv. 39, 40, 44, 54, 58)**
    2. **(v. 47)** – ***“has”*** – present active – ***“everlasting life”*** – i.e. the spiritual life Jesus offers is possessed now.
       1. This cannot be TAKEN from us – **John 10:27-30** – not against our will.
    3. However, all will die, though death will not cause Jesus to ***“lose”*** us – He will raise us up – **1 John 2:17** – abides forever.
       1. Death is an enemy that can only be conquered in Christ – **Hebrews 2:14-15**
       2. **John 11:25-26 – Jesus is the resurrection and the life.**
    4. We come to Jesus for the only lasting thing there is. All else is vanity (**cf. Ecclesiastes 1:2**).

**Conclusion**

1. We can only come to Jesus as we are drawn by the Father.
2. He only draws men to Jesus through His will/word, and the people who are drawn and come do so for the spiritual things Jesus offers.
3. Are you drawn to Him?