

I AM The Bread Of Life – John 6 (Part 1)

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Introduction

1. To know Jesus is the greatest purpose for man. For in knowing Jesus and the name of God is eternal life for those who believe. Jesus has many I AM statements that describe who He is and we will begin at looking at His claim to being the bread of life...

I. The Search For Jesus (6:22-27)

a. The Mistaken Search

- i. Only two of the Lord's miracles are found in all four gospels: His resurrection and the feeding of the five thousand (Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9 and John 6).
- ii. The crowd who was feed was lingering for Jesus and He never came back to them. So they went in search for Jesus yet their focus was on their stomachs not God.

b. They Were Hungry

- i. Hunger is important for it tells us when to eat. Spiritual hunger is important too for this hunger can only be filled by Jesus.
- ii. They weren't hungry for God but for the physical and they missed out on the bread of life! For only in Christ we will find real satisfaction.

c. Why Christ Alone Can Satisfy

- i. "God has set His seal upon Him" is a meaningful phrase. According to the Rabbi's the seal of God is truth. Jesus is truth!
- ii. The truth of God is the beginning the middle and the end of life. Jesus alone who can truly satisfy the hunger of our souls.

II. They Only True Work (6:28-29)

a. The Crowd Wanted Relief

- i. Jesus told them to believe but instead they asked for a sign (v30-31). They wanted their personal needs meet but they didn't want to deal with their sins and change their hearts!

b. This Is The Work Of God

- i. Is to believe in Jesus whom God had sent. Paul would say it this way...
 1. The work God desires from us is faith. Now faith is trusting in God having a relationship with Him. The result of that relationship is trust, obedience and submission.
- ii. This new relationship means a new life one that mimics what God is like...
 1. God is love. Therefore we love and serve the way God's love teaches.
 2. God is holiness. Therefore our lives are to be pure as God is pure.
 3. God is wisdom. Therefore our lives we completely submit to His teaching.

The essence of the Christian life is a relationship with God and Jesus that brings a service of purity and trust which are the reflection of God. Only through Jesus the bread of life can we find true satisfaction in life!