

The Bread of Life

John 6.51-59

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Introduction:

- The feeding of the 5000 is recorded in all four Gospels
- It sets the context for the rest of the passage
- The seven I Am statements
 - I Am the bread of life
- This chapter is a challenge to complete commitment

Main Points:

What can we say about the nature of Jesus' sacrifice for us?

1. It's active - vs.51
 - Contrast with Manna - Exodus 16
2. It's hard to accept - vs. 52
 - Comparison with the desert conflicts - Exodus 16, 17; Numbers 14, 16
3. It's non-negotiable - vs. 53-54
 - Call to depend fully on Jesus - Acts 4.12; Psalm 62.7
4. It's real - vs. 55-57
 - Challenge to see the greater truth - 1Corinthians 2.13
5. It's forever vs. 58
 - Comfort for tomorrow - Revelation 21.1-7

Conclusion:

Jesus performs a great sign

Jesus reveals his supernatural character

Jesus confronts people on their motivations

Jesus challenges people to a deeper level of commitment

Jesus reassures the faithful few

The Question: with whom do you stand?

