

Jesus, the Great I AM

(8) I AM, the Bread of Life

The background...John 6:1-27

What test does the Lord provide to His disciples? 6:1-6

Would they see only the problem or would they see the all sufficient Jesus? Faith on trial!

And how did the disciples do in this test? 6:7-8

Philip and Andrew voice their despair. There's no way to feed this huge crowd! Faith??

*What painful lessons are there here for us today?

Although their faith was weak, how do the 12 disciples react? Mark 6:38-41

The serving was from the Lord to disciples to the crowd (~5000 men, ~15000 total). Obey!

And what is the message to these 12 disciples who had ministered in obedience? Jn.6:13

Their own needs were met in super-abundance! The Lord will care for His servants!

*Did the 12 really get it? Mt.16:5-7

Not really. They later were again concerned for not having bread for themselves!

*While the disciples were still focused on bread, what did Jesus emphasize? Mt.16:6-11

He warns them of the (false) teaching, the leaven, of Pharisees/Sadducees. Spiritual...

*What is the summary warning to us today? Mt.15:1-12

Beware of false teaching! The Lord will supply your physical needs. You beware error!!

When the people saw the miraculous sign, what's the result? Jn.6:14-15; Deut.18:15-19

They recognized Jesus as the Prophet and tried to force Him to be king!

*What is the lesson for us now? Jn.6:25-26

Christ will *not* be Lord on our terms! On His terms alone, Mt.4:17. Repent of your sins.

The doctrine of the Bread of Life...John 6:27-35

What is the assumption of the crowd voiced in 6:28? And the answer? 6:29

What *WORKS* are required by God (for eternal life)? Ans: *No works. Believe in Me.*

What is their immediate challenge (to believing in Him)? 6:30-31

Do some miracle, *then* we'll believe you! Like Moses/manna for 40 years! (vs. 2 times...)

What is the sad truth about their challenge? Lu.16:19-31

Unbelief will never be satisfied! Even a resurrection won't do it! Jesus rose but...

How does Jesus correct them in 6:32?

The manna did not come from Moses. It was from the Father. A critical error for them.

What is the key point now taught by Jesus? 6:33

The bread of God (now) is He (Christ) who comes down from heaven and gives life.

And responding to their next request, Jesus declares what I AM truth? 6:34-35

I AM the Bread of Life. This is part of the explanation of what I AM means!

Next: The Application of the Bread of Life