

Jesus Said “I AM” the Bread of life (John 6:35,48)

- Last week: **Ex 13:13-15** God reveals Himself to Moses “**LORD, I AM**”
- Jesus reveals Himself to the Jews: “Before Abraham was, I AM” 8:58
- Incarnate -Christ radiance of God’s glory / exact imprint of His nature

I. Background and Context of Jesus “I AM the Bread” Statement

- Jesus feeds the 5000: is this the prophet to come into the world (6:14)
- The crowds follow Jesus & ask: “**Rabbi when did you come here**” 6:25
- Jesus confronts the issue: they seek Him for food not the signs (6:26)
- Jesus points out their true spiritual need (27) God set His seal on Him
- They ask Jesus what works must they do to do the works of God (28)
- Jesus: believe on the One God has sent (29) context: bread statement
- Jews seek sign (30,31) God gave bread not Moses; Jesus: true bread
- Jesus is the bread that comes down from heaven & gives true life

II. Jesus’ Explicit Declaration: I AM THE BREAD of LIFE

- Jesus not only says I am the bread of life; he exposes the Jewish error
- They ask “give us this bread always” by implication give it to us again!
- Jesus is saying manna was the shadow, I’m the substance of that bread

III. Bread which Gives and Sustains Life

- 1) *The bread contains life*
- 2) *Bread is all sufficient for life*
- 3) *Bread must be appropriated before it becomes life giving*