The Bread of Life October 15, 2023

John 6:2,5-14, "A large crowd followed Jesus. ⁵ Jesus, seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?" ⁶ He was saying this to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. ⁷ Philip answered Jesus, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for everyone to receive a little." ⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, ⁹ "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

John 6:26-29, "Truly, truly, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. ²⁷ Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you." ²⁸ Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

Bread: loaf, food, meal. divine provision

Life: refers to physical AND spiritual life

John 6:30-35, "The crowd said to Jesus, "What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.'" ³² Jesus said to them, "It is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." ³⁴ Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

2 Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

Revelation 21:6, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost."

John 6:35, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides IN Me and I IN him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

John 6:51, "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

John 1:29, "John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 Peter 1:18-19, "You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ."

Hebrews 10:10, "We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Luke 22:19, "This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."