



WHO JESUS SAYS HE IS

Context of “I AM”

- Exodus 3 - Moses
 - v.13: “who should I say you are? If they ask what your name is, what should I say?”
 - God says: “I AM WHO I AM.”
 - pivotal moment in redemptive history.
 - he is the one, the only one
- Gospel of John - seven “I AM” statements of Jesus



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John 6: Feeding of the Five Thousand

- Jesus on a mountain (vv.3,15)
 - Connects Jesus to Moses
- v.5: “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?”
 - Numbers 11:13: “Where am I to get meat to give to all this people?”
 - “Philip thinks only in terms of the immediate reality of limited resources and makes his calculations accordingly” Bruce Milne, *John*
- A child has five small barley loaves and two small fish

John 6: Feeding of the Five Thousand

- V.10: five thousand men, probably more people
- Where our human minds see limitations, God sees possibility
- Jesus takes the loaves, gives thanks, then distributes the food to all
- V.11: they had as much as they wanted
- abundance and goodness

John 6: Feeding of the Five Thousand

- v.14: “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world,” desire to make him king by force
- Deuteronomy 18:15: “The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers.”

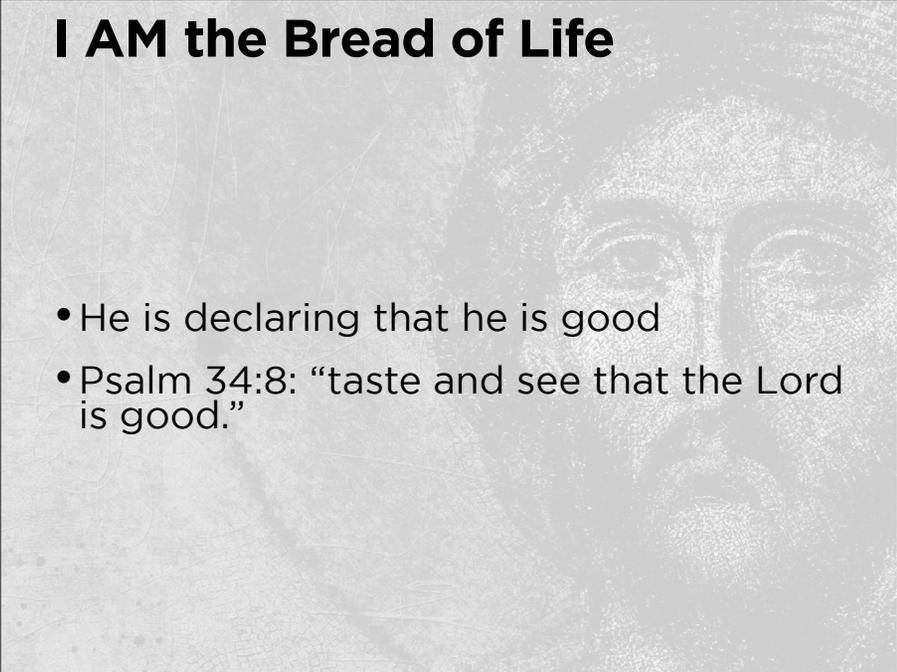
John 6: The Bread of Life

- v.26-27: Jesus essentially calls the crowd materialists, they miss the point
- v.35: “I AM the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”
- He is the answer to the needs of the human heart
- general invitation to “come” and “believe”

Bread

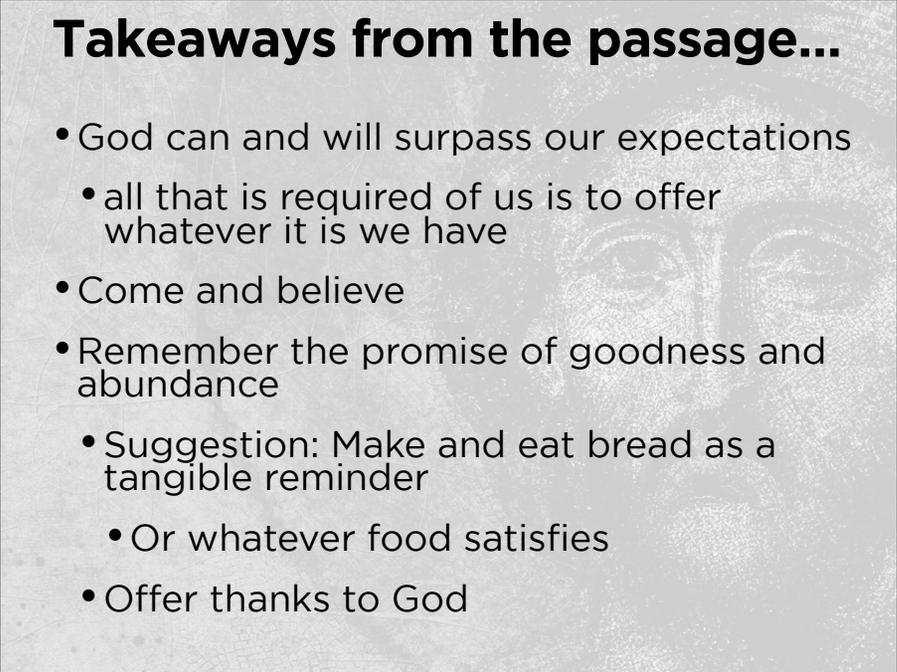
- Connects to manna in the wilderness
- He is for all people
- He satisfies hunger (and thirst): basic needs
 - 4:10: “living water”
- Eternal life: v.58: “whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”
- Abundant life

I AM the Bread of Life



- He is declaring that he is good
- Psalm 34:8: “taste and see that the Lord is good.”

Takeaways from the passage...



- God can and will surpass our expectations
 - all that is required of us is to offer whatever it is we have
- Come and believe
- Remember the promise of goodness and abundance
 - Suggestion: Make and eat bread as a tangible reminder
 - Or whatever food satisfies
- Offer thanks to God