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REMARKABLE MINISTRY OF JESUS



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JESUS MIRACULOUSLY FEEDS A CROWD:

BIG IDEA

As we continue in the gospel of John, we SEE THE MIRACLES JESUS PERFORMED EARLY IN MINISTRY AND THE IMPACT THEY HAD ON THOSE ABOUND HIM. ASK ANY FOLLOWER OF CHRIST TODAY AND THEY WILL TELL YOU OF THE MARVELOUS THINGS HE HAS DONE FOR THEM! STARTING WITH SALVATION, OUR SAVIOR HAS SAVED US FROM OUR SINS! WE WOULD TELL OF THE PEACE, JOY, HOPE, AND CONTENTMENT WE HAVE IN WALKING WITH HIM! WE WOULD EASILY TESTIFY TO OUR AMAZING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND THE INCREDIBLE THINGS HE HAS DONE FOR US. WE SEE IT ECHOED THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE. THE GOSPEL OF JOHN IS AN ENTIRE BOOK DEVOTED TO GIVING TESTIMONY TO CHRIST AND DETAILING HIS REMARKABLE MINISTRY.

TODAY, LET'S DIVE INTO HOW THE PEOPLE JESUS FED ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR PHYSICAL HUNGER AND HOW IT RELATES BACK TO THE OLD TESTAMENT.

PASSAGES WE'LL REVIEW:

John 6:1-15; Deuteronomy 18:15-18; Matthew 17:5; 1 Timothy 2:5

WEEK 1

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY FEEDS A CROWD:

OPENING

NOTES

As you begin tonight, think about a time when Jesus has met a physical need in your life.

How did He meet your need? Was it in a way that you expected?

WHAT STOOD OUT TO YOU FROM THE MESSAGE THIS WEEK? WHAT LED YOU TO REALLY THINK? DID ANYTHING CHALLENGE YOU?

WATCH

MAKE SURE EVERYONE CAN SEE THE SCREEN AND THE AUDIO IS AT A COMFORTABLE LEVEL.

WHAT JUMPED OUT AT YOU FROM THE VIDEO IN THIS SESSION? WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MIRACLES PERFORMED BY JESUS?

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JESUS MIRACULOUSLY FEEDS A CROWD:

READ JOHN 6:1-15

NOTES

As we begin John 6, we find one of Jesus' Miracles of greatest magnitude. It is so impressive that it is recorded in all four Gospels. A huge crowd had been following Jesus and His disciples for several days. While some were following Him because of His teachings, many were simply amazed by His miraculous healing. In verse 4, we read that Passover was quickly approaching.

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PASSOVER BEING MENTIONED AS WE READ OF JESUS MIRACULOUSLY FEEDING THE CROWD?

(The festival of Passover was a time to remember God's deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt. As the Lord passed over, they had been saved from death by the blood of the sacrificed lamb that was placed around their door frames. In the same way, Jesus, the Perfect Lamb, was God's ultimate deliverance for us as the perfect sacrifice for sin.)

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JESUS MIRACULOUSLY FEEDS A CROWD:

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AFTER BEING FOLLOWED BY SUCH A LARGE CROWD FOR SEVERAL DAYS, JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES WENT TO THE MOUNTAINSIDE. WHEN JESUS SAW THE CROWD HAD FOLLOWED THEM AROUND THE SEA, HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM. JUST AS MOSES ASKED GOD HOW HE WAS TO FEED SUCH A GREAT MULTITUDE AFTER LEAVING EGYPT, JESUS ASKED A SIMILAR QUESTION OF PHILIP.

WHAT WAS JESUS' TRUE INTENT IN ASKING PHILIP WHERE THEY WOULD BUY BREAD TO FEED THE CROWD?

(JESUS WAS TESTING PHILIP'S FAITH IN HIM AS THE MESSIAH. HE WAS LOOKING BEYOND THE PHYSICAL NEED TO THE SPIRITUAL NEED!)

WEEK 1

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY FEEDS A CROWD:

AFTER EVERYONE WAS FED, RATHER THAN SIMPLY ENCOURAGING EVERYONE TO RETURN HOME, JESUS INSTRUCTED HIS DISCIPLES TO COLLECT THE LEFTOVERS SO THAT NOTHING WOULD BE LOST. WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THIS EXERCISE AND WHY WAS THIS SIGNIFICANT?

(THE DISCIPLES COLLECTED TWELVE BASKETS FULL OF LEFTOVERS FROM ONLY FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO FISH. THIS GAVE CREDIBILITY TO JESUS' ABILITY TO PERFORM MIRACLES.)

WHAT WAS THE CROWD'S RESPONSE TO THE TWELVE BASKETS OF LEFTOVER PIECES? WAS THIS THE RESPONSE THAT JESUS DESIRED?

(THEY REALIZED THE MAGNITUDE OF THE MIRACLE PERFORMED AND REMEMBERED THE OLD TESTAMENT PROMISE THAT THERE WOULD BE A PROPHET THAT WOULD COME TO SAVE THEM. THEY EVEN DECLARED THAT JESUS WAS THIS PROPHET. HOWEVER, THEY WERE IN SEARCH OF AN EARTHLY, POWERFUL KING, NOT AN ETERNAL KING WHO WOULD BE THEIR LORD AND SAVIOR.)

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JESUS MIRACULOUSLY FEEDS A CROWD!

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How do you think their response to Jesus compares to the response of people today?

LET'S TAKE A LOOK BACK AT THIS PROMISE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

READ DEUTERONOMY 18:15-18

As Moses prepared the Israelites to enter THE PROMISED LAND, HE MADE SURE TO REMIND THEM OF ALL THAT GOD HAD COMMANDED THEM TO DO. HE ALSO REMINDED THEM OF THEIR PAST SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT REPEAT THE MISTAKES As PREVIOUS GENERATION. THEY OF THE ENCOUNTERED OTHER NATIONS, THEY WOULD ALSO ENCOUNTER BELIEFS AND PRACTICES CONTRARY TO WHAT GOD HAD COMMANDED THEM.

WHAT WAS THE PROMISE THAT MOSES REMINDED THEM OF?

(GOD WOULD SEND A PROPHET FROM AMONG THEM, TO WHOM THEY WOULD LISTEN.)

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JESUS MIRACULOUSLY FEEDS A CROWD!

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As the Israelites encountered God during FIRST REVELATION TEN THE OF THE COMMANDMENTS ON MT. SINAI, THEY HAD BEEN SO TERRIFIED BY GOD'S PRESENCE THAT THEY ASKED THAT HE WOULD NOT SPEAK TO THEM DIRECTLY ANYMORE, BUT THAT HE WOULD SPEAK THROUGH A PROPHET. OVER THE YEARS, AS THEY THROUGH CYCLES OF OBEDIENCE AND WENT DISOBEDIENCE, GOD WOULD INDEED SEND MANY PROPHETS TO HIS PEOPLE TO SPEAK HIS WORDS THEM AND TO GUIDE THEM AND, WHEN ТО NECESSARY, DRAW THEM BACK TO HIM. WHILE THEY WERE ALL SENT BY GOD, THEY WERE NOT THE PROPHET MOSES WAS REFERRING TO.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 2:5

WHO WAS THE TRUE PROPHET THAT MOSES SPOKE OF?

(Jesus Christ)

GOD CONFIRMS THIS TO US AS WE SEE HIS RESPONSE TO THE TRANSFIGURATION IN <u>MATTHEW 17:5</u>.

WEEK 1

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY FEEDS A CROWD:

WHAT DID HE SAY TO THE DISCIPLES WHO WERE NOTES PRESENT?

(This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him)

WHAT DID THE ISRAELITES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AND THE ISRAELITES IN THE CROWD IN JOHN 6 HAVE IN COMMON?

(AT TIMES, THEY ONLY FOLLOWED GOD BECAUSE OF WHAT HE COULD DO FOR THEM PHYSICALLY, BUT DID NOT REALIZE THEIR NEED FOR HIM SPIRITUALLY, AS DISPLAYED BY THEIR ACTIONS.)

IN HINDSIGHT, WE CAN SEE HOW EASILY THE PEOPLE IN THE CROWD, AND SOMETIMES EVEN THE DISCIPLES, ONLY SAW THE PHYSICAL PROVISIONS AND MISUNDERSTOOD THE MAGNITUDE OF JESUS' POWER AND THE ETERNAL IMPACT THAT HIS TEACHINGS WOULD HAVE ON THE WORLD.

Do you think this is still an issue today? Why or why not?

WEEK 1

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY FEEDS A CROWD:

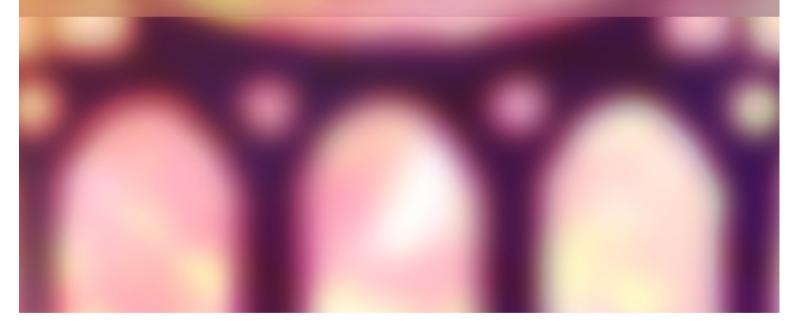
PRAY

As you encounter experiences in life, remember that many times, just as with the feeding of the crowd, Jesus desires to respond in a way that might not make human sense, but rather in a way that brings the most glory to God! Just like the boy who shared his lunch, God can take our "Little" and do mighty things if we give it to Him.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AS YOU PRAY TOGETHER:

- IN WHAT AREAS DO YOU NEED TO BEGIN TO LOOK BEYOND THE PHYSICAL PROVISION TO THE SPIRITUAL PROVISION?
- WHAT CAN WE DRAW FROM TODAY'S STUDY THAT CAN HELP US TO GROW IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM?
- What can you do this week that can help others who may be in the crowd to see that they also need a Savior?

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WEEK 2

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY WALKS ON WATER!

BIG IDEA

JESUS IS THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW WE SHOULD LIVE OUR LIVES IN SERVICE TO THOSE AROUND US. TONIGHT, WE GET TO SEE HIM IN SERVICE TO THOSE CLOSEST TO HIM, RESCUING HIS DISCIPLES WHO FOUND THEMSELVES IN THE MIDDLE OF A STORM ON HIGH SEAS WITH NO OTHER PLACE TO GO! THE MIRACLE OF JESUS WALKING ON WATER IS ONE OF THE MOST VIVID AND AWE-INSPIRING MIRACLES HE PERFORMS. SHOWING US HIS AWESOME POWER OVER HIS CREATION, YET HIS COMPASSION AND LOVE FOR THOSE HE HOLDS DEAR. AS WE READ THROUGH THIS MIRACLE, IT IS EASY TO FOCUS ON THE AMAZING WALK OF JESUS ACROSS THE SEA, BUT THERE IS SO MUCH MORE LYING UNDER THE SURFACE INTO WHICH WE CAN DIVE DEEPER.

PASSAGES WE'LL REVIEW:

JOHN 6:16-21; ISAIAH 41:9-10; JOB 9:8; PSALM 107:23-32; HEBREWS 11:1

WEEK 2

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY WALKS ON WATER!

NOTES

OPENING

As you begin tonight, think about a time in your life when you have been in the midst of a storm.

WHAT EMOTIONS DID YOU EXPERIENCE DURING THIS TRIAL? WHAT HELPED YOU THROUGH THIS TIME?

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WEEK 2

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY WALKS ON WATER:

READ READ JOHN 6:16 - 21

NOTES

AT WHAT TIME OF DAY DID THE DISCIPLES HEAD OUT INTO THE SEA OF GALILEE? WHAT WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS?

(THE DISCIPLES LEFT WHEN EVENING CAME; IT WAS DARK OUTSIDE. WE OFTEN RELATE DARKNESS TO FEAR, BECAUSE WE CAN'T SEE WHAT IS AROUND US.)

As the disciples got out into the middle of the lake, what happened?

(A TERRIBLE STORM SET IN.)

DUE TO ITS LOCATION IN THE JORDAN RIFT VALLEY, THE SEA OF GALILEE IS OFTEN SUBJECTED TO AN EVENING WEST WIND THAT CAN LEAD TO SUDDEN SEVERE STORMS AND MASSIVE WAVES.

WEEK 2

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY WALKS ON WATER:

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As the disciples got out in the middle of the lake in the midst of one of these storms, how do you think they felt?

(TERRIFIED; IN GREAT DANGER)

EARLIER IN THE DAY, THEY HAD SEEN JESUS WORK A GREAT MIRACLE WHEN HE FED THE MULTITUDE. NOW, AS THEY SAW JESUS APPROACHING ON THE WATER, THEY WERE TERRIFIED.

Why do you think they were so afraid?

(THEY DIDN'T REALIZE WHO IT WAS/THOUGHT IT WAS A GHOST. ALSO, THE EXTREME FEAR FROM THE THREAT OF DEATH COULD HAVE AFFECTED THEM.)

How did Jesus calm their fears?

(He told them Who He was - "I AM".)

WEEK 2

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY WALKS ON WATER!

Read Isaiah 41:9 - 10

NOTES

WHAT WAS THE HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE WERE REMINDED OF? WHAT WERE THEY PROMISED?

(THEY HAD BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD. BECAUSE THEY WERE HIS PEOPLE, HE WOULDN'T LET THEM DOWN.)

As we mentioned last week, the people of Israel had a reputation for their cycles of obedience and disobedience. During their times of disobedience, they were often exiled into a land of slavery. They often turned to other gods to worship, but God's covenant with them was unconditional.

WHAT OTHER MIRACLES OCCURRED ONCE JESUS GOT INTO THE BOAT?

(HE CALMED THE SEA AND THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY AT THE SHORE WHERE THEY WERE HEADING.)

WEEK 2

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY WALKS ON WATER:

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READ JOB 9:8

How does this relate to the miracle of Jesus calming the sea?

(WE ARE REMINDED THAT GOD WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS ALSO HAS THE POWER TO CONTROL THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AND EVEN WALK ON WATER. THE ONE WHO MADE THE SEA CAN ALSO CALM THE SEA!)

READ PSALM 107:23-32

IN THIS PASSAGE, WE SEE A SITUATION MUCH LIKE THE ONE THE DISCIPLES FACED.

As the storm raged and the ship was violently tossed about, what did the people do?

(They cried out to the Lord.)

WEEK 2

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY WALKS ON WATER:

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WHAT HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF THEIR FAITH IN HIM?	
(HE BROUGHT THEM OUT OF THEIR DISTRESS, CALMED THE STORM, AND STILLED THE WATERS. THEN HE TOOK THEM TO THE SHORE.)	
According to verses 31-32, what should be our response to God's provisions in the midst of difficult times?	
(WE SHOULD GIVE THANKS TO HIM FOR HIS FAITHFUL LOVE, WORSHIP HIM FOR WHO HE IS, AND SHARE WITH OTHERS WHAT HE HAS DONE.)	
<u>Read Hebrews 11:1</u>	
How can this verse encourage us in the difficult storms we encounter in life?	

WEEK 2

JESUS MIRACULOUSLY WALKS ON WATER:

FAITH EXPECTS GOD TO ACT. THE DISCIPLES ENCOUNTERED A TERRIBLE STORM IN THE DARKNESS OF NIGHT, UNABLE TO SEE WHAT WAS AROUND THEM. SOMETIMES, IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR STORMS, WE MAY FEEL LOST IN THE DARKNESS THAT SURROUNDS US. BUT IF WE CAN LEARN FROM THE FAITH OF THE DISCIPLES AND OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE, WE CAN TRUST THAT GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE US OR FORSAKE US. WE CAN ALWAYS PUT OUR HOPE IN HIM!

WHAT ENCOURAGED YOU THE MOST IN TODAY'S STUDY? ARE YOU IN THE MIDST OF ANY STORMS RIGHT NOW?

WARREN WIERSBE WROTE: "IN SCRIPTURE, A STORM IS OFTEN A SYMBOL OF THE AWESOME PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD. THE CLOUD AND DARKNESS, THE THUNDER AND LIGHTNING, AND THE EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE ALL MANIFESTED THE GREATNESS OF GOD AND PRODUCED A HOLY FEAR IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE."

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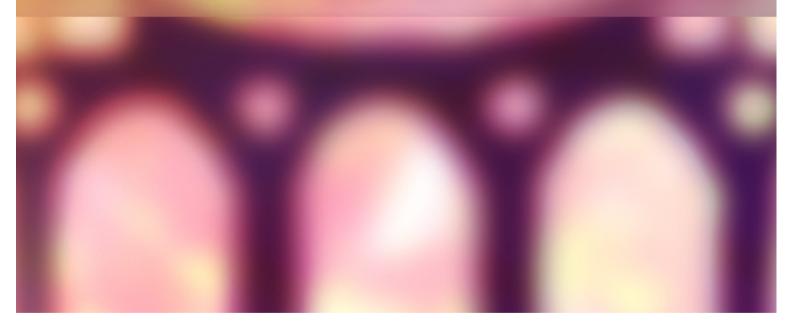
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PRAY

As you find yourself in the storms of life, remember that we serve a holy God who not only created the world around us, but also controls it. When difficult times come, we can rest in the promise that Jesus brings peace in the midst of the storm. He allows the storms to come in order that we may grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him. The disciples' experience in the storm taught them to trust Him more.

- PRAY THAT AS YOU ENCOUNTER VARIOUS TRIALS THAT YOU WILL BE COMFORTED BY AND STRENGTHENED IN HIM. AS YOU GO THROUGH THOSE TRIALS, REMEMBER TO PRAISE HIM FOR WHO HE IS! USE YOUR EXPERIENCES TO BE A LIGHT TO THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW HIM.
- IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY IN THE MIDST OF A TRIAL, REMEMBER TO ALWAYS PRAY FOR YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST WHO ARE GOING THROUGH TRIALS, THAT THEY MAY HAVE HIS PEACE IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM.

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WEEK 3



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JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 1)

BIG IDEA

IN THIS WEEK'S PASSAGE, WE FIND MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS IN WHICH JESUS DECLARES HIMSELF THE BREAD OF LIFE. THE THREE MAIN POINTS HE MAKES IN THIS PASSAGE ARE THAT THE FATHER GIVES THIS BREAD AND DRAWS PEOPLE TO IT, JESUS HIMSELF IS THE BREAD, AND WHOEVER EATS OF THIS BREAD WILL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

TONIGHT, WE WILL FOCUS ON A PASSAGE FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN COLOSSAE. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST POTENT DESCRIPTIONS OF WHO JESUS IS, WHAT HE HAS DONE, AND WHAT HE IS CONTINUING TO DO TODAY.

Passages we'll review: John 6:22-40; Ephesians 2:8-10; Colossians 1:15-23; Romans 12:1-2

WEEK 3

JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 1)

OPENING

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GROWING UP, WHAT WAS THE BEST GIFT YOU EVER RECEIVED?

WHAT DID YOU HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THAT GIFT?

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JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 1)

READ

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Read John 6:22-34

LAST WEEK, WE READ THAT AFTER WITNESSING THE FEEDING OF THE MULTITUDE WITH ONLY 5 LOAVES OF BREAD AND 2 SMALL FISH, THE DISCIPLES WENT AHEAD OF JESUS TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE. ON THE WAY, THEY ENCOUNTERED A TERRIBLE STORM. JESUS MET THEM OUT ON THE WATER IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM AND REVEALED HIMSELF TO THEM AS I AM, CALMING THE STORM AND GETTING THEM SAFELY TO SHORE.

THE NEXT DAY, THE CROWD BEGAN LOOKING FOR JESUS, BUT HE WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND! OUT OF CURIOSITY, THEY TRAVELED ACROSS THE SEA TO CAPERNAUM IN HOPES OF FINDING JESUS AGAIN.

WHEN THEY GOT TO CAPERNAUM, THEY FOUND JESUS. HOWEVER, THEY WERE STILL UNSURE OF HOW HE GOT THERE, AND THEY ASKED HIM WHEN HE HAD ARRIVED.

JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 1)

WHY WAS THE CROWD SO EAGER TO FIND JESUS? (THEY WERE LOOKING FOR MORE FOOD) WHILE OTHERS MAY HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THEIR TENACITY TO SEEK JESUS, HE KNEW THEIR TRUE MOTIVE IN LOOKING FOR HIM. INSTEAD OF ANSWERING THEIR ACTUAL QUESTION, JESUS REVEALED TO THEM THAT HE KNEW WHAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY SEEKING. BUT JESUS USED THIS OPPORTUNITY AS A TEACHING EXPERIENCE.

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WHAT DID JESUS TELL THEM IN RESPONSE TO THEIR QUESTION?

(HE KNEW THAT THEY WERE SEEKING HIM NOT FOR HIS MIRACLES, BUT BECAUSE OF THE FOOD ONLY.)

JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 1)

THESE PEOPLE MISSED THE REAL MIRACLE JESUS HAD PERFORMED THE DAY BEFORE. THEY WERE ONLY CONCERNED WITH THE FOOD FOR THE BODY, AND COMPLETELY MISSED THE FACT THAT JESUS PROVIDES FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT. THEY WERE LOOKING FOR MANNA, OR THE PHYSICAL BREAD FROM THE MIRACLE, BUT JESUS IS THE TRUE BREAD OF LIFE. HE CAME NOT ONLY TO SUSTAIN LIFE, BUT TO GIVE ETERNAL LIFE.

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How did the crowd respond to Jesus' revelation?

(THEY ASKED WHAT THEY NEEDED TO DO TO "PERFORM THE WORKS OF GOD.")

MANY PEOPLE SEEK TO EARN THEIR WAY INTO HEAVEN, BUT JESUS MADE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR WHAT THEY MUST DO.

WHAT WAS THE WORK THAT JESUS REQUIRED?

(THEY HAD TO BELIEVE IN JESUS, THE ONE WHO HAD BEEN SENT.)

JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 1)

Their works alone would do nothing to earn salvation. And even though they had seen Jesus perform a great miracle the day before, in order to believe what He said, they demanded a sign. Jesus reminded them that it was God who had performed the miracle of the manna, and that only He could provide the true Bread from heaven. Once again, they answered Jesus in search of food as they responded: "Give us this bread always!"

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Read John 6:35-40

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This provided the opportunity for Jesus to reveal a simple truth to them, the first of His I AM statements.

Who did Jesus say He was?

(I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.)

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JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 1)

IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT JESUS TOLD THEM HE HAD REVEALED THE GREATEST SIGN TO THEM, HIMSELF, AND YET THEY HAD CHOSEN NOT TO BELIEVE. THEY HAD SEEN HIM PERFORM MIRACLES OF HEALING AND PROVIDING FOOD, BUT THEY COULD NOT SEE BEYOND THE PHYSICAL TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUE GIFT HE HAD OFFERED THEM.

READ EPHESIANS 2:8-10

WHAT WAS THE GIFT THAT JESUS PROVIDED?

(SALVATION)

As Jesus told the crowd, our salvation is not based on anything we have done. We can never earn it. Rather, it is a gift from God achieved solely by the work of Christ on the cross! He is our Redeemer, but He is also our Creator.

READ COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

What do we learn about Jesus in verse 15?

(He is the image of the invisible God!)

JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 1)

NOTES

JESUS IS THE PHYSICAL EMBODIMENT OF THE INVISIBLE GOD! IN JOHN 14:9, WE ARE REMINDED THAT IF WE HAVE SEEN JESUS, WE HAVE ALSO SEEN GOD!

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WHAT IS PAUL TRYING TO IMPRESS UPON US IN VERSES 16-17?

(CHRIST IS SUPREME OVER ALL OF CREATION. EVERYTHING IS UNDER HIS CONTROL.)

JUST AS JESUS REVEALED TO THE CROWD IN JOHN 6, WE ARE REMINDED THAT CHRIST IS OUR SUSTAINER AND THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE! ALL OF CREATION EXISTS FOR HIS GLORY! HOWEVER, SIN THREW ALL OF CREATION INTO A TAILSPIN. ONLY JESUS COULD PROVIDE WHAT WAS NECESSARY TO BRING US BACK TO HIM.

WHAT WAS REQUIRED IN ORDER THAT WE COULD BE RECONCILED TO GOD?

(CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR SIN AND ROSE AGAIN TO DEFEAT SIN AND DEATH.)

JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 1)

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IN SHORT, JESUS ENTERED THE WORLD, ENDURED THE CROSS, PAYING THE PENALTY FOR OUR SIN, AND ROSE AGAIN VICTORIOUS, CONQUERING SIN AND DEATH!

AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, WE HAVE BEEN REDEEMED! WE ARE SEEN AS HOLY AND BLAMELESS BECAUSE OF HIS SACRIFICE! AS A RESULT, WE OUGHT TO LIVE IN A MANNER THAT REFLECTS THIS PRICELESS GIFT.

READ ROMANS 12:1-2

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WHAT ARE WE TO DO IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S MERCY AND GIFT OF SALVATION?

(BE A LIVING SACRIFICE. DON'T FOLLOW THE WAYS OF THE WORLD, BUT ALLOW GOD TO CHANGE YOU AND BECOME WHO HE DESIRES, A PERSON HE CAN USE.)

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JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 1)

PRAY SINCE JESUS CHRIST OFFERED HIMSELF AS A SACRIFICE FOR OUR SIN, WE ARE TO LIVE OUR LIVES IN A MANNER THAT BRINGS GLORY AND HONOR TO HIM! WE CAN ONLY BE USED BY HIM WHEN WE SURRENDER OUR LIVES FULLY TO HIM. AS THE GREAT BRITISH ATHLETE C.T. STUDD SAID, "IF JESUS CHRIST BE GOD AND DIED FOR ME, THEN NO SACRIFICE CAN BE TOO GREAT FOR ME TO MAKE FOR HIM."

OUR WORSHIP TO HIM IS MORE THAN JUST SONGS THAT WE SING; IT IS IN THE LIFE THAT WE LIVE! WE MUST ALLOW HIM TO CHANGE US FROM WITHIN SO THAT WE CAN LIVE DIFFERENTLY FROM THE WORLD AROUND US. ONLY THEN CAN WE LIVE IN A WAY THAT WILL GLORIFY HIM AND DRAW OTHERS TO HIM. NO MATTER WHAT WE FACE, NOTHING CAN EVER SEPARATE US FROM HIM. CHRIST IS ALL WE NEED!

TAKE TIME TO THANK HIM FOR BEING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A LIVING SACRIFICE, A VESSEL GOD CAN USE TO SHARE THE TRUE BREAD OF LIFE WITH OTHERS.

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