

# I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

John 6:25-69

## PROLOGUE: The Ancient Name

- Jesus gets in trouble for calling Himself a name. John 8:58-59
- Exodus 3:14. God's name in Hebrew: *hayah*. Means to exist, to be.
- Four Hebrew consonants were given to represent God's holy name: YHWH
- In Jesus' day, it became known as I AM.
- Jesus' seven "I AM" statements in John. (6:35; 8:12; 10:9; 10:11; 11:25-26; 14:6; 15:5)
- Ultimately, Jesus wants us to trust Him NOT simply for what He could give to us but for WHO He is to be for us!

## SCENE ONE: Bread (John 6:25-52)

- We don't work for grace but in Response to it. Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 2:4

## SCENE TWO: Misdirection (John 6:53-66)

- Hyperbole and shock were two of Jesus' most utilized teaching tools. Matthew 7:3-5; 5:29-30; 23:15

- With vivid & offensive language (see Gen. 9:4; Lev. 17:14) Jesus speaks about accepting Him at the deepest level; of digesting His character and purpose; His way of truth and grace.

## SCENE THREE: The Point

- If you "feed" on Jesus, ingesting all He is, you'll find that for Him, love is the point.  
See Matthew 22:36-40; Luke 10:25-37; 15:11-32; John 13:34-35 and 1 John 4:7-8

## SCENE FOUR: Cognitive Dissonance (John 6:67-69)

### Peter Gives Four Reasons for Choosing to Trust Jesus Without Clarity:

1. Hollow options
2. Jesus' words Bring Life
3. A belief
4. A knowing

*Certainty of Eternity*

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