

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
JOHN

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GOD REVEALED





BREAD AND WATER GO TOGETHER

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JOHN 6:1-21

John wants us to live with the confidence that Jesus loves and cares for us. He wants us to be assured that while Jesus is devoted to meeting our daily needs, His greatest joy and purpose is providing for our eternal spiritual need.

John 6:1-15

¹ After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?”

John 6:1-15

⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.

John 6:1-15

¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

John 6:1-15

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This is often hard to believe.

Mark 8:17-21

¹⁷ And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened?

¹⁸ Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? ¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” They said to him, “Twelve.”

Mark 8:17-21

²⁰ “And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” And they said to him, “Seven.” ²¹ And he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?”

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John 6:26-28

²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”
²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”

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- **Jesus feeds bread to 5,000 to point to truth – He is our spiritual bread (6:35 – “*I am the bread of life*”)**

6:1-15 Jesus gives bread to 5,000

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6:22-59 Jesus is the bread of life

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6:16-21 Jesus walks on water

6:22-59 Jesus is the bread of life

Why does John insert walking on the water here?

6:1-15 Jesus provided food when they were hungry.

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**6:16-21 Food is great, but now in a storm.
Now what good is Jesus?**

John 6:16-21

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea,
¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum.
It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.
¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was
blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four
miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near
the boat, and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them,
“It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they were glad to take him
into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to
which they were going.

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- Jesus comes to and is welcomed into the boat (*“It is I, do not be afraid”*)
- **Jesus’ presence is the key to our enjoying life**

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