

Sermon

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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

LENT



I AM; you are

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What do you do?

Who am I?

Who am I?

Who do you think you are?

7 I Am Statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John:

The bread of life

The light of the world

The gate for the sheep

The good shepherd

The resurrection and the life

The vine

The way and the truth and the life

What do you want?

“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry and who ever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

John 6:35

¹¹After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."¹² Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

Jesus Walks on the Water

John 6:11-13:11; 14:1-11

¹³When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁴A strong wind was blowing and the waves grew rough. ¹⁵When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water, and they were frightened. ¹⁶But he said to them, "Do not be afraid." ¹⁷Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

¹⁸The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not crossed it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. ¹⁹Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread when the Lord had given thanks. ²⁰When the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

Jesus the Bread of Life

²¹When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²²Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²³Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁴Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

²⁵Jesus answered, "The work of God

is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

²⁶So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see and believe you?" What will you do? ²⁷Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

²⁸Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ²⁹For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁰"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³¹Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

³²But as I said you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³³All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁴For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁵And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose none of all those he has given me. ³⁶But raise them up at the last day. ³⁷For my Father's will is that everyone who comes to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

³⁸At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ³⁹They said, "Tertullian Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

⁴⁰Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴¹It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' ⁴²Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴³No one has seen the Father except the one who is in him; God, only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁴Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁵I am the bread of life. ⁴⁶Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁴⁷But here

is the bread that comes down from heaven. Truly anyone who eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

⁴⁸When the Jews began to argue among themselves, Jesus said to them, "How can you argue about this?"

⁴⁹Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁰Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵¹My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵²Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them. ⁵³Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁴This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

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¹⁵Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ¹⁶We have come to believe and to know that you are the Christ, the Son of God."

¹⁷Then Jesus replied, "Now I tell you, you are not with me, but you are of the world. ¹⁸For you are of the world, and the world loves you more than it loves me. ¹⁹For this reason the Father does not love you, because you do not love me. ²⁰Whoever loves me must love my Father who sent me. ²¹Whoever does not love me does not love the Father who sent me. ²²Whoever loves me must keep my commandments. ²³Whoever keeps my commandments will remain in my love, and I will love him, and the Father will love him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my commandments. ²⁵Whoever does not keep my commandments will not see the Father. ²⁶Whoever sees the Father, I will love him, and the Father will love him. ²⁷Whoever loves me must love my Father who sent me. ²⁸Whoever does not love me does not love the Father who sent me. ²⁹Whoever loves me must keep my commandments. ³⁰Whoever keeps my commandments will remain in my love, and I will love him, and the Father will love him. ³¹Whoever does not love me 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After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

John 6:14-15

“Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

John 6:26-40

Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

John 6:26-40

So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

John 6:26-40

Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

“Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

John 6:26-40

Very Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

John 6:26-40

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

John 6:26-40

Jesus confronts what they are hungry for, what they want.

They are hungry for:

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**Nourishment for the soul and
eternal fulfillment**

Jesus confronts what they are hungry for, what they want.

They are hungry for:

Old manna

Physical bread

Temporary satisfaction

Powerful political leader

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Suffering servant king

Jesus confronts what they are hungry for, what they want.

They are hungry for:

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A relationship of trust

“Discipleship is more a matter of hungering and thirsting than knowing and believing. Jesus’s command to follow him is a command to align our loves and longings with his - to want what God wants, to desire what God desires, to hunger and thirst after God and crave a world where God is all in all - a vision encapsulated by the short hand ‘the Kingdom of God.’”

~ James K.A. Smith
You Are What You Love

What do I want?

What do I want?

How do I let Jesus shape our desire?

“The best gift God could give you is Spirit-infused practices that will reform and retrain your loves [wants, desires]. And so God meets us where we are, with counter-formative practices, with hunger-shaping rituals and love-shaping liturgies.”

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You Are What You Love

Fasting is “laying down” something you will fast from and “picking up” something to help you become more centered on God.

What do I want?

How do I let Jesus shape our desire?

Do I want to want more of God?