

# The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus

## "I Am the Bread of Life"

(John 6:35)

- Introduction:
1. The intent of John's gospel account is to provide sufficient evidence for one to know that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God (John 20:30-31).
  2. His design to accomplish this goal was to provide...
    - a. Seven "I AM" statements of Jesus.
    - b. Seven Signs.
    - c. One could also argue for Seven witnesses.
  3. In this series, we will examine the seven "I AM" statements of Jesus.

### I. I Am the Bread of Life

- A. (John 6:35, 38).
- B. This passage is often misunderstood to refer to the Lord's Supper.
  1. While the imagery is similar, this is not the intent.
  2. If it were, consider the implications (John 6:53).
- C. This passage is a metaphor and an "anti-type" of the manna in the wilderness.
- D. What Jesus is claiming is that he is able to meet our needs and sustain us.

### II. Satisfaction is Not Found in this World

- A. Solomon searched for fulfillment and satisfaction in the book of Ecclesiastes.
- B. He searched through the avenues of...
  1. Wisdom (Ecclesiastes 1:16).
  2. Wealth (Ecclesiastes 2:10).
  3. Power (Ecclesiastes 4:13).
  4. Pleasure (Ecclesiastes 2:10).
- C. However, he concluded that satisfaction is found in God (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

### III. How Jesus the Bread of Life

- A. He provides atonement (2 Corinthians 5:18).
- B. He provides mediation (1 Timothy 2:5).
- C. He provides purpose (Philippians 1:21-24).
- D. He provides love (Romans 5:6-10).

- Conclusion:
1. Years ago, Johnny Lee wrote a song entitled, "Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places."
  2. That is precisely what the world is doing today...they are looking for fulfillment in life in all the wrong places.
  3. May we have the love and courage to point them to Jesus, the Bread of Life!