



**WELCOME TO
GOSPEL PASSAGES...
WITH
PASSAGES**

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

with Becky & John Hart

JESUS' MIRACLES

- Name some of Jesus' miracles
- Of all of Jesus' miracles, which ones are mentioned in all four Gospels?

TWO NOTES ON JOHN 6

1) “A large crowd” ... “about 5,000 in all”

2) v 4: “Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.”

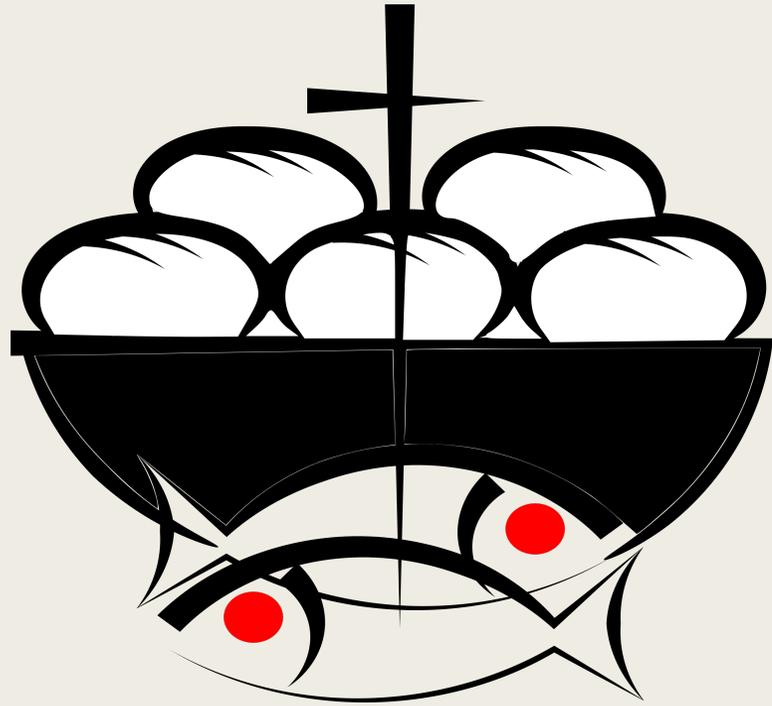
- Annual celebration of God’s definitive act of salvation (Exodus 12)

JOHN 6:

Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”



One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, *"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"*



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*WHY the
emphasis on
how small the
boy's lunch is*

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- Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks (*eucharisteo*) he distributed them... so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over....”
- So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

(vv 11-13)

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What strikes you here

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→THE NEW MATH:

Jesus multiplies
what little we
have into far, far
more than we
ever could have
imagined



THE POWER OF GRATITUDE

A LITTLE ANNE LAMOTT



ELISHA:

“A man came bringing the man of God (Elisha) twenty loaves of barley bread ‘Give it to the people to eat,’ Elisha said.

“How can I set this before a hundred men?” his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, ‘Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the Lord says:

“They will eat and have some left over.”

Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over....”

(2 Kings 4:42)

MOSES:Exodus 16: “....after they had departed from the land of Egypt... the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, *“Oh, that we had died ...in the land of Egypt, when we ...ate bread to the full. For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger!”*

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. ””

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying

“I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel.

Speak to them, saying ‘At dusk you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread.’...And it came to pass, that quails came up in the evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay round about.... And when the layer of dew evaporated, behold, (there) was a fine granular substance....

And when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” (MANNA) For they did not know what it was.

And Moses said to them,

“This is the bread which the LORD has given you for food.”

(Exodus 16:1-15)

FIRST RXN...

When the people saw the sign that Jesus had done, they began to say, “This is indeed **the prophet** who is to come into the world.”

SECOND RXN...

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and **take him by force to make him king**, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

*Verb- To Seize
(Harpazo)*

...THE NEXT DAY...

²⁵ When the crowds found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “**Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for 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 for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. ...

WHAT DO WE GOTTA DO?

- 6:28 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.”
- Believe/Faith -> Pistis-
>πίσπιστις
- **SYNOPTICS**: *Follow*
- **JOHN**: *Believe - Trust*



GIVE US A SIGN! NOW!

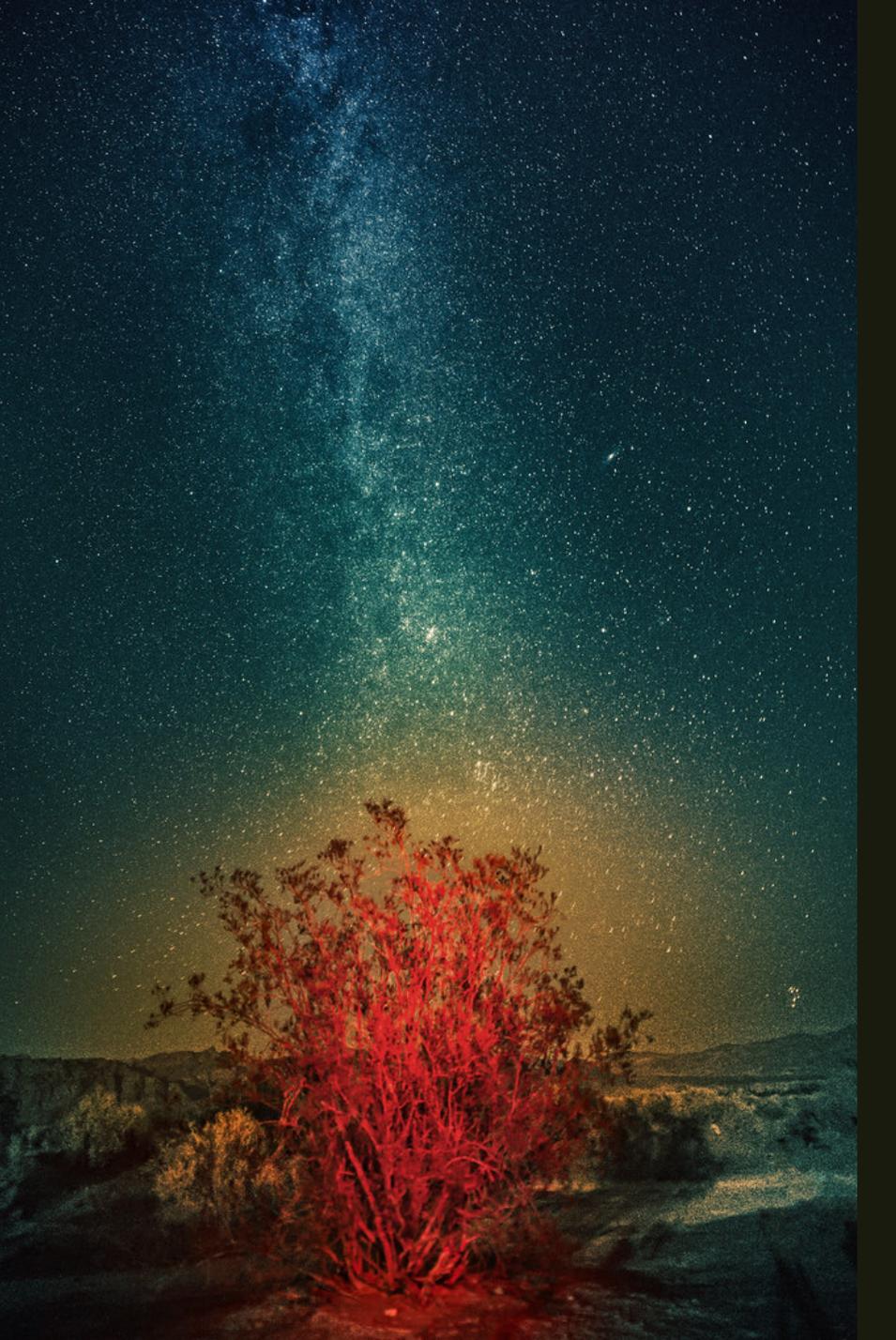
- “So they said to him, “**What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe(in) you?** What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘*He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*’ ”
- Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.
- For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “**Sir, give us this bread always.**” (vv.30-34)



The Very First “I AM” Ego Eimi

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

(John 6:35)

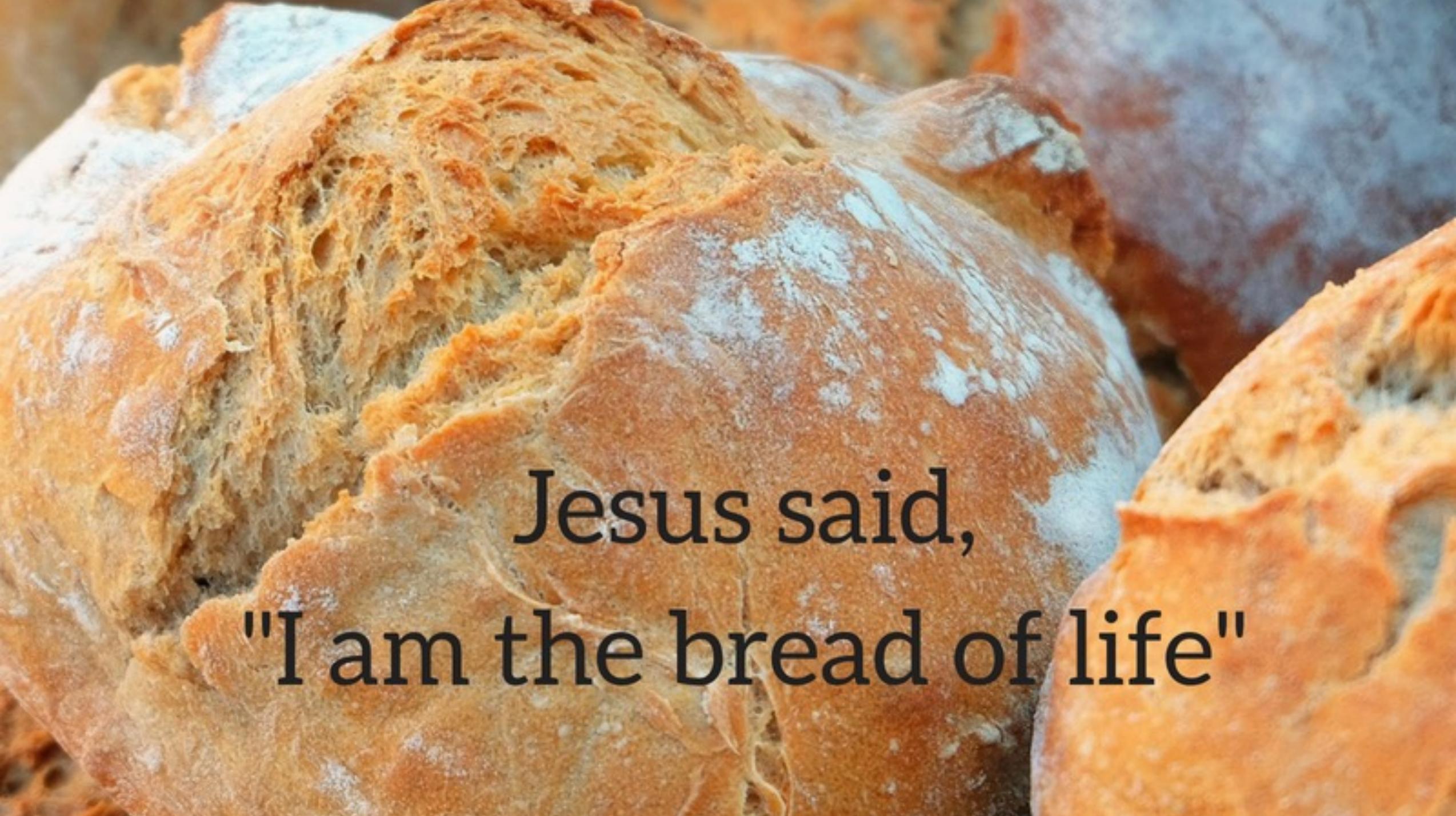


I AM...

- Moses at the Burning Bush (Exodus 3) *“Tell them I am sent you”*
- God has a name – YHWH (*Yaweh*) – *I AM*
- @I am the source of life itself
 - *“For in him we live, and move, and have our being.”*
(Acts 17:28)



- I Am The Bread Of Life (John 6:35)
- I Am The Light Of The World (John 8:12)
- I Am The Gate For The Sheep (John 10:7)
- I Am The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
- I Am The Resurrection & The Life (John 11:25)
- I Am The Way The Truth And The Life (John 14:6)
- I Am The True Vine (Jn. 15:1)



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"I am the bread of life"

BLAISE PASCAL...

*@There is a God-shaped
vacuum in the heart of
every person
that only Christ can fill.*



THE AFTERMATH:

■ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “*Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?*”

■ The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus 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. (vv 41-53)



When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “*This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?*”

Jesus: Some of you do not believe (me)....

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

STAY OR GO?

- So Jesus asked the twelve “Do you also wish to go away?”
- Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”



“Understanding Jesus is like listening to an answer which -- when you get it -- you realize you always somehow knew. It's like light on a strange path that, when you follow it, turns out to lead you home.”

John Ortberg, *Who Is This Man?*

**“LORD, TO WHOM CAN WE GO? YOU HAVE
THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.”**

Share with neighbor: *What is one of Jesus’
words that rings with eternal life for you?*



NEXT WEEK (January 28)

Read through **Chapter 14**
of *The Gospel of John*

