

## *The Bread that Gives Life*

### *John 6:1-15*

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." The 4<sup>th</sup> sign miracle has something to say about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' affirmation.

A surface reading of the text tells us that this miracle was like most of Jesus' miracles recorded in Scripture. Jesus did them to meet human need, relieve \_\_\_\_\_, and inspire \_\_\_\_\_. But regarding these "sign" miracles in John, we are obligated to ask this question: How was this miracle a "sign," detailing something about the nature of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ and the kind of \_\_\_\_\_. He would bring? To answer that question, we have to look more carefully at the way Jesus accomplished it.

Jesus went up on a \_\_\_\_\_ to proclaim the word. \_\_\_\_\_ was near. Jesus fed the crowd with bread that appeared as if from \_\_\_\_\_. In all these ways, Jesus' ministry shows continuity with the ministry of Moses. But something is added in Jesus' ministry. First, while the Israelites received just enough manna for each day, Jesus miraculously provides an \_\_\_\_\_ that leaves 12 baskets full of leftovers, demonstrating a power beyond Moses'. Second, In v. 35, Jesus revealed the ultimate meaning: He is the \_\_\_\_\_ that comes from heaven—the bread that gives life! This miracle signifies that Jesus and the new covenant He brings is \_\_\_\_\_ than Moses and the covenant Moses provided, and only Jesus can provide \_\_\_\_\_ abundant and eternal.

The miracle of the feeding of the 5000 is a sign that Jesus as God's Messiah is the \_\_\_\_\_ Who can meet all your needs including the greatest need of all: to be given the very bread of life which is \_\_\_\_\_ as your Savior and Lord.

A good one-liner that captures what the world believes is this: "We are all part of the \_\_\_\_\_, and we are all part of the \_\_\_\_\_."

The Bible teaches, "We are all part of the problem, but there is only \_\_\_\_\_ Who is the solution. His name is \_\_\_\_\_."