Jesus is the Bread of Life

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John records two miracles back to back in John 6:1-40. In the first situation, Jesus feeds five thousand men and approximately twenty thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish. In the second situation, He walks on water and delivers the disciples from a violent storm on the Sea of Galilee. Both miracles highlight that Jesus is the "greater than Moses". He is the ultimate bread from heaven who will satisfy our soul's deepest hunger.

I. <u>Jesus gives bread for life – Read John 6:1-15 and answer the following questions</u>

- A. What details are given to highlight that Jesus is the "greater than Moses"?
- B. What comments are made to help you realize that there's no way to feed this enormous crowd?
- C. How does Jesus resolve the situation and what do you think is the significance of the leftovers?
- D. How does the crowd respond to Jesus? How does Jesus respond to the crowd?

II. Jesus walks on water – Read John 6:16-21 and answer the following questions

- A. How does this miracle highlight that Jesus is the "greater than Moses"?
- B. How would you compare and contrast the disciples' situation with and without Jesus?
- C. What are the storms of your life that you'd like the Lord to calm with His presence?

III. Jesus is the bread of life – Read John 6:22-40 and answer the following questions

- A. Why does the crowd keep seeking Jesus? What does it mean to do the work of God?
- B. Why does the crowd ask Jesus to perform another sign when they just saw Him feed 5,000?
- C. What do you think it means that Jesus is the bread of life? What does it look like to believe that?
- D. How many different ways does Jesus share the gospel with this crowd? How do they respond?
- E. According to verses 37-40, what is the reason for their unbelief?
- F. How is God's sovereignty a tremendous encouragement to the believer?