

Sermon Notes

November 26, 2006

I AM the Bread of Life (John 6:35): Series – Portraits of Jesus in John

A. John 6:35 - "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be _____ again. & Those who believe in me will never thirst."

B. Historical Context

1. 3 underlying meanings behind the metaphor of the bread of Life

a. The Bread of Life refers to the way that, through the Messiah, God _____ and fulfills His people
- Isaiah 55:1-5

b. Bread signifies the _____ between God & His people
Lev. 24:1-9 – "8 Every sabbath day the priest shall set the 12 loaves of bread out in the Temple before the LORD as an agreement or a commitment of the people of Israel to God, as a covenant forever"

c. the bread of life also is symbolic of _____ or deliverance
- Exodus 12:17 - the people of Israel celebrated the feast of unleavened bread to commemorate how God delivered them from bondage & slavery & how God freed them from their oppressors

C. Immediate Context – Feeding of the 5000 (John 6)

1. Pattern for the Lord's Supper

2. Other names for the Lord's Supper: 1. _____; 2. Eucharist
- eucharistein ... transliterated into our English word Eucharist which also refers to the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, and it means blessing or giving _____

D. When the disciples are in the Upper Room together immediately before the crucifixion, John doesn't tell us that they had communion together & the reason is because John has already talked about those things in John 6, after the feeding of the 5000 miracle.

1. In Mt, Mk & Lk, you have the historical account of Communion

2. In John's Gospel, we are given the _____ behind Communion
- John 6:47-58 (not literal; if eat my flesh & drink my blood, *then have life*)

E. Isaiah – "eat what is good, and delight yourselves in the true food of God.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me (says the Messiah), & then follow me, that you may have *life*."

A. hungry Ba. Satisfies Bb. Salvation Bc. Covenant C2. Communion C2. thanks Cd. Satisfied D2. meaning