

THE LIFE OF JESUS

Message 15 The Bread of Life

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► Outline

Today's Message based on *The Life of Jesus* – Reading 88

"I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in Me will ever be thirsty again.

John 6:35 (HCSB)

When we find Jesus, He...

1. _____ our interests.
(John 6:22-29. C/R: Isaiah 55:2-3; 2 Timothy 2:19)
2. _____ His identity.
(John 6:30-40. C/R: John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9)

3. _____ His purpose.
(John 6:41-65. C/R: 2 Corinthians 5:21)

4. _____ a response.
(John 6:66-71)

Answers: 1. Exposes 2. Expresses 3. Explains 4. Elicits

Resource Information: Outline and onscreen verses are from HCSB version (Holman Christian Standard Bible) of *The Holy Bible*. Our resource book for this series is *The Life of Jesus, A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels*, which is available in the Bookstore. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your faith and stir meaningful conversations with friends and family. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.
Let's grow in life together!

Opening

Name one thing that brought you great joy this past week.

Spend some time thanking God for His blessings and the way He cares for you. Ask God to reveal Himself and guide your time in His Word. Ask Him to use this week's lesson to help you learn more about Jesus and deepen your relationship with Him. Don't rush through this time of prayer. Instead, see this as an opportunity to settle your heart and sincerely ask God to teach you and guide your time with Him.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [John 6:22-25](#) (The beginning of Reading #88 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. In your own words, summarize what's happening so far in the story.

Continue reading... vs. [26-29](#).

2. What are the *signs* Jesus talks about in vs. [26](#)?
3. What was wrong with the motivation of the crowd in looking for Jesus? What should be our true motivation for seeking Him?
4. What are examples of ways you look to God for stuff, rather than to deepen your relationship with Him? See also [Isaiah 55:1-3](#); [Jeremiah 2:13](#).
5. How does believing in God impact your everyday life? Can you think of specific examples of how *believing in God* has become meaningful for you in real life situations?

Continue reading... vs. [30-40](#).

6. The people thought Moses gave them manna. How were they still missing the point? For further insight about manna and God's other provisions, see [Psalm 78](#) (especially vs. [7-8](#), [35](#)).
7. What does it mean to *receive life from God*? See also [John 20:31](#).
8. What does it mean that Jesus is *the bread of life*? What are practical applications of this truth for your life?

Wrapping it Up

9. Using your own language, how would you summarize and capture the point of this passage in John?
10. What is one major take away for your life?

Soul Training

Spend several minutes each day this week reflecting on the idea that Jesus is the bread of life. Quiet your heart as you sit with God. Ask Him to help you understand and experience this truth more fully.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
Apr 24	86		Matthew 14:13-21 ; Mark 6:30-44 ; Luke 9:10-17 ; John 6:1-15
Apr 25	87		Matthew 14:22-36 ; Mark 6:45-56 ; John 6:16-21
Apr 26	88		John 6:22-71
Apr 27	89		Matthew 15:1-20 ; Mark 7:1-23
Apr 28	90		Matthew 15:21-28 ; Mark 7:24-30

Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, April 30, we'll learn more about Jesus as he heals a deaf man. The main text is [Mark 7:31-37](#) (Reading #91 in *The Life of Jesus*).