

# I AM

Part One: *Bread of Life*

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When God appeared to Moses through a burning bush, He told Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and to the Promised Land. Moses asked God, "What should I say to the people of Israel if they ask me Your name?" God replied to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you" (Exodus 3:14). The title "I AM" only applies to God - the self-existent, self-sufficient One. This is why the Jews were so upset when Jesus made seven "I AM" declarations during His earthly ministry. The Jews knew Jesus was claiming to be God.

## **I AM The Bread of Life – John 6:35**

- A large crowd followed Jesus because He did miracles. John 6:1-4

A great multitude had been following Jesus for several days, listening to His teaching and observing His miracles. Jesus tried to get away from the crowd to rest, but the needy people kept finding Him.

- Jesus fed thousands of people with two fish and five rolls. Vs. 5-15

Jesus took a little boy's lunch, blessed it, broke it, handed it out to His disciples, and they fed the whole crowd! This was Jesus' biggest miracle and the only one recorded in all four Gospels.

- Jesus rescued His disciples on Lake Galilee. Vs. 16-21

A literal translation of Jesus' words in verse 20 is, "*Don't be afraid. The I AM is here!*" Jesus wanted His disciples to know that they did not need to be afraid of drowning for the Eternal God was with them.

- The crowd found Jesus the following day, so He taught them that He is the Bread of Life. Vs. 22-35

Jesus didn't explain to the crowd how He got across the lake during the night, instead He rebuked them for being more concerned with getting food than getting eternal life.

### ***Three truths you need to know about eternal life:***

1<sup>st</sup> - Eternal life begins at salvation.

Eternal life does not begin after you die; it begins the moment you trust Jesus as your Savior (John 3:16, 36; 5:24). The person who has believed in Jesus for salvation "has" eternal life.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Eternal life is more than existing forever.

While it is true eternal life means life that goes on with no end, eternal life is more than just existing forever. Eternal life refers to a never-ending love relationship with God (John 17:3). Eternal life is sharing life with God!

3<sup>rd</sup> - Eternal life comes through Jesus.

The Bible says death comes from sin, but eternal life comes through Jesus (Romans 6:23). You cannot gain eternal life through religion, church, or good deeds. Eternal life only comes through Jesus!

*"And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life."* (1 John 5:11–12, NLT)