Jesus Christ The I Am – "The Bread of Life"



John 6:1-71

- **There is a true reality of loving, living, and serving the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- **I am challenging us to continue growing and developing in our relationship with God. (2 Peter 3:17-18)**
- **I am challenging us to truly believe, submit and commit to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and His mission. (Matthew 28:16-20)**
- **I am challenging us to put away our religious practices and traditions that never bring us closer to God. (Mark 7:6-9)**
- **I am challenging us to move from a life a stagnation to a life of transformation. (Romans 12:1-2)**
- **Purpose: To anchor our faith and dependency upon God.**
- **Goal: For us to continue loving, living and serving the Jesus Christ with grace and humility.**
- **Spiritual Principle: Authority, Stewardship, Faith, Grace, Obedience, Unconditional Love, Agreement, Organization, Prayer**

- **The phrase "*I AM*" is found both in the Old and New Testament to reveal the divine name and nature of God.**

1. **Moses asks God a question, "When I come to the children of Israel and they ask me what is His name?" What shall I say to them? And God said to Moses, "*I AM WHO I AM*." "Say this to the children of Israel, *I AM* has sent me to you." (Exodus 3:13-14)**
2. **The phrase "*I AM*" is the English translation of the first-person singular Hebrew verb meaning "to be."**
3. **It reveals that God is eternal, self-existent, self-sufficient and does not depend on anything or anyone to exist and to be God. God is the Creator and Sustainer of everything. "*He is God all by Himself*."**
4. **It conveys the meaning "I am who and what I am" or "I am God and I do not change." "*God is everything that all creation needs Him to be*." (Malachi 3:6)**
5. ***The Attribute of God is that He is Immutable*, which means unchanging. The divine nature, character, promises and covenant of God is unchanging.**

- **Jehovah-Jireh – "The Lord will provide for us." (Genesis 22:14)**
- **Jehovah-Rophe – "The Lord who heals us." (Exodus 15:26)**
- **Jehovah-Nissi – "The Lord our banner who fights for us." (Exodus 17:15)**
- **Jehovah-Shalom – "The Lord our peace." (Judges 6:24)**
- **Jehovah-Rohi – "The Lord our shepherd." (Psalms 23:1-6)**
- **Jehovah-Tsidkenu – "The Lord our righteousness." (Jeremiah 23:6)**
- **Jehovah-Shammah – "The Lord is there." (Ezekiel 48:35)**

- **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Hebrew 13:8, John 17:1-5)**

1. **Jesus Christ is the I Am. He is the very Son of God, who gives life eternal to all who believes on His name. (John 20:30-31)**
2. **Throughout the Gospel of John, is an account of witnesses who testified that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

- **John the Baptist (John 1:29-34) – "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."**
- **Nathanael (John 1:43-49) – "Rabbi, "You are the Son of God!"**
- **The Samaritans (John 4:39-42) – "We know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."**
- **Peter (John 6:60-69) – "Simon Peter answered, "We have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**
- **The Blind Beggar (John 9:35-41) – "Then he said, "Lord I believe."**
- **Martha (John 11:24-27) – "She said to Him, "Yes, Lord I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God."**
- **Thomas (John 20:24-28) – "Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God."**

3. **Jesus boldly declared that He was the Son of God and True Messiah.**

- **Jesus tells the Samaritan Women at the well, "I am He." (John 4:21-26)**
- **Jesus tells the Jews, "The Father has granted the Son to have life in Himself." (John 5:24-27)**
- **Jesus said to the Pharisees, "I am One who bear witness of Myself and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me." (John 8:13-19, 21-29)**

- **Jesus declared to the Jews, "I and My Father are one." (John 10:17-39)**
- **Jesus prays for Himself, His disciples and for all believers. (John 17:1-5, 9-13, 20-26)**

- **In the Gospel of John, we will discover such wonderful truths about *Jesus – "The Great I AM*." (John 1:14)**

1. **He supplies all our needs, so that we have no need to worry or fear. (Matthew 6:25-34)**
2. **He heals us. (Psalm 107:19-21, Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:21-25)**
3. **He gives us victory over the battles of life. (John 16:33, Luke 10:19, 2 Corinthians 2:14, Romans 31-39, 1 John 4:4, Revelation 12:11)**
4. **He gives us internal peace and calm during the storms of life. (Isaiah 26:3, Psalm 46:1-2, Matthew 8:23-27, John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-9)**
5. **He is God with us and He will never forsake us. (Matthew 1:21-23, Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5, Psalm 23:1-6, Deuteronomy 31:8, Isaiah 41:10)**
6. **He brings comfort and strength to the grieving heart. (Hebrews 4:14-16)**
7. **He is preparing an eternal resting place for us. (John 14:1-6)**
8. **He causes all things to work for our good. (Romans 8:28)**
9. **He set us apart for God's eternal purposes. (Matthew 5:13-16, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 1:15-16, 2:9)**

- **Today we will begin studying and examining the "*I AM the Bread of Life*" claimed by Jesus Christ in the New Testament Scripture. (John 6:1-71)**
- **In these "*I Am*" claims of Jesus Christ, we will discover what the world and the church need now more than ever is Jesus Christ and His gospel message.**

- ***Jesus Christ The I Am* – "He alone is the Bread of Life." (John 6:1-71)**

1. **Jesus Christ The Provider – "The Feeding of the Five Thousand" (vs. 1-15)**

2. **Jesus Christ The Protector – "The Deliverer of the Fearful Storms" (vs. 16-21)**
3. **Jesus Christ The Promise – "The Living Bread to all in the world." (vs. 22-71)**

- **There are Three Concerns that "Jesus The Provider" addresses both in His day and modern day. (vs. 1-15)**

1. ***Jesus Christ* is concerned about the essential needs of all humanity.**
- **(vs. 1-2) – "After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias."**

a. ***Physical need*. (vs. 1-21)**
- **Jesus feeds the hungry crowd.**
- **Jesus delivers His disciples from a dangerous storm.**

b. ***Spiritual need*. (vs. 22-71)**
- **Jesus offers the Bread of Life to a world of hungry sinners that are spiritually lost and blind to the truth about Him.**

2. ***Jesus Christ* is fully aware of both their physical and spiritual needs. He crossed over the Sea of Galilee. (vs. 1)**
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- **It is the point where the Jordan River flows into the northern end of the lake.**
- **The Sea of Galilee is surrounded by mountains, hills, fertile plains and towns.**

2. **The Sea of Galilee was also known as *the Sea of Chinnereth* (Numbers 34:11, Joshua 12:3, 13:27). The Hebrew word for violin. The lake was given the name because it resembles a harp.**

- **It is referred to as *the Lake of Gennesaret* (Luke 5:1, Matthew 14:34). The district was a plain that extended one mile from the Sea of Galilee along the northern shore. The name refers to the fertility and beauty from the figs, olives, and variety of trees that grew in the region.**
- **It is also called *the Sea of Tiberias* (John 6:1). A lake in northern Galilee.**

3. **Most of Jesus' earthly ministry was done around the shores of Galilee and the surrounding cities and towns such as Capernaum, Bethsaida, Chorazin, Nazareth, and Cana.**

- **Jesus taught many Parables by the Sea of Galilee. (Matthew 13)**
- **Jesus delivered His powerful teachings to His disciples and the multitude that followed Him (Matthew 5-7) "Sermon on the Mount."**
- **It is known for its thriving fishing industry for many fishermen. It is the place where Jesus called His first disciples, "Peter, Andrew, James and John." (Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11, John 1:35-43)**
- **It is where Jesus performed many miracles and calmed the raging storm. (Mark 4:35-41)**

3. ***The Crowd* – represents (3) three types of people in the world and the church today. (vs. 1-2)**

- **(vs. 2) – "The great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased."**

1. **The great crowd journeyed a good distance by foot around the Sea of Galilee in order to reach Jesus (vs. 1-2). Why? The answer is found in these two important words "followed and saw".**

- **The Greek word "*followed*" means to walk the same road or path with, to go in the same direction, to accompany or join someone (as a disciple), or to be in the same mindset and way of life.**
- **The Greek word "*saw*" means to look or stare at, perceive or discern with the mind, to appear, to attend to, and to experience.**

2. Jesus Christ is fully aware of the crowd's reasoning for following Him. He knew it was because of the signs (miracles) which He performed on the diseased. (vs. 2)

1) *People* – "Seek to know Him." There are those who truly desire to have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

2) *People* – "Seek to experience Him." There are those who travel from church to church, concert to concert, conference to conference, but no spiritual growth, no spiritual fruit or no spiritual transformation in their life.

3) *People* – "Seek to gain from Him." There are those who seek the benefits of the Kingdom of God, but without the True King – "Jesus Christ."

4) The large gathering followed Jesus because of their desire to see more miracles, and not a genuine desire to have faith and belief in Him as "*The Son of God*".

3. Jesus Christ commands total commitment from any person who desire to follow after Him. (Matthew 16:24)

- **The person must willingly choose and resolve in their hearts to follow after Jesus. <u>Jesus gives (3) three requirements</u>:**

1) A person must <u>deny self</u>. (vs. 24)

- **The "deny" means to disown, abstain, disregard, forsake, renounce, reject, refuse, and restrain.**
- **It simply means to say yes to the will of Jesus Christ and no to the will of self.**
- **It means letting Jesus Christ forever rule and reign in your life.**

2) A person must <u>*take up his cross*</u>. (vs. 24)

- **The words "*take up his cross*" is an indirect reference to crucifixions in Jesus day. Criminals who were condemned to death, were required to bear or carry their crosses.**
- **The believer daily humbles himself to the point of death. (Philippians 2:1-8)**
- **The believer is daily willing to die to self, his will, and his desires, in order to daily fulfill the will of Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:1-14)**

- **The believer daily counts himself dead to sin and alive to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 4:1-3, Romans 12:1-3)**
- **The believer daily offers their body as instruments of righteousness and not wickedness. (1 Corinthians 6:15-20, Romans 6:13)**
- **The believer daily refuse to allow sin to reign in the members of their body. (Colossians 3:1-7, Romans 6:12)**

3) A person must *<u>follow Jesus Christ</u>*. (vs. 24)

- **The word "*follow*" means to be a follower, or to accompany as a disciple.**
- **It means to be in close union with and in the same likeness of.**
- **The believer committed to following Jesus Christ no matter the cost. (Luke 9:57-62, Matthew 12:46-50, 19:23-30, 2 Timothy 3:10-17, James 1:1-5)**
- **The believer daily seeks to be in close union with Jesus Christ and be just like Him. (Philippians 3:7-10)**

4. *Jesus Christ* goes up on the mountain and sat with His disciples. (vs. 3)

1) He knew He needed time alone with God and away from the crowd that followed Him daily.

- **Jesus knew the source and power behind His message and every miracle He performed is <u>God in prayer</u>. (John 5:16-19, 12:42-50, 14:28-31)**