



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 6:51-59
From Sermon 10.29.23

Read *John 6:51-59*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: Continuing His discourse on true, spiritual bread, Jesus now goes so deep, the unbelieving crowd can no longer follow. Still fully focused on the physical, temporary life, they completely miss what Jesus is offering in eternal life. Yet, as with all His teachings and parables, Jesus used a common, known illustration object: Bread. With this further explanation, we better see why Jesus used the bread analogy and its application to the universal, God-ordained hunger in everyone.

1. Jesus didn't claim to be the "wheat of life", but the bread. Breadmaking is a specific process, and therefore symbolizes all that He is and all He has done. Review that process and support Scriptures.

- Seed—*Luke 8:11*—The eternal Word of God/the Gospel
- Wheat—*John 1:14*—The Seed became flesh that we could know & experience.
- Grain—*Isaiah 53:2*—Jesus grew up in humble, ordinary means. All things pointed to His mission.
- Cut—*Daniel 9:26a*—At the appointed time, the wheat had to be cut down/killed.
- Crushed (milled)—*Isaiah 53:10*—To make the Bread, it (He) had to be crushed fully.
- Imputed (yeast/sin)—*1 Corinthians 5:6-8 & 2 Corinthians 5:21*—becoming sin for us.
- Fire (crucible/judgment/wrath)—The Father poured out on Jesus the wrath we deserved.
- Rises Again & Aroma—*Luke 24:7 & Ephesians 5:2*—Jesus transformed from death to life.
- Consumed/Provides—As our key text teaches—Jesus is the exclusive, true Bread.

2. If Jesus claims to be *the* (article) true bread and true drink, what does that make all others/other things? Various answers: False, fake, fraud, counterfeit, junk food, toxic, poison.

2a. Examples of things we'll use to "fill the void" God placed in us: Religion, career, relationships (even toxic ones), busyness, fun, drugs, alcohol, food, vices...

3. Discuss parallels of this truth—What you eat becomes a part of you. Just as food/drink enters our bodies, is digested, and distributed to our systems and organs, so also does what we take in through our ears and eyes. What you consume spiritually/take in becomes a part of you. ["Show me your friends..."] Jesus is offering us to become a part of Him and He a part of you. See also *John 17:20-21*

4. Promises from the text:

- Reject this and there is no other savior/way.
- Accept this and... new life begins now (Full. Never hunger)
 - ...Jesus will raise you up on the Last Day
 - ...You will abide/commune with Jesus intimately & forever.