

The 12 Days of Easter: Day 9, Bread of Life



Day 9: Bread of Life

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:35

bread [bred]

noun

1. a kind of food made of flour or meal that has been mixed with milk or water, made into a dough or batter, with or without yeast or other leavening agent, and baked.

2. food or sustenance; livelihood:

3. Ecclesiastical. the wafer or bread used in a Eucharistic service

4. necessary food; nourishment: give us our daily bread

Bread. *Lehem*, in Hebrew; *artos*, in Greek. For the ancient Hebrew and Greek, **bread** was the mainstay of every meal. Mid-westerners like bread too, especially during the bitter cold of winter. After shoveling a foot of snow from a long drive, there's nothing so comforting as hot soup and warm bread.

In the verse above, Jesus reveals He is the **Bread of Life**. Why did He call Himself this unusual title? Please read John 6:4-11. What amazing event had just occurred? When Philip had admitted their inability to provide even a bite of bread, Jesus, **the Bread of Life**, born in *Beth lehem* (the house of Bread), freely provides bread for the 5,000. Not just a bite, John 6:11 says, Jesus provided, "as much as they wanted."

Jesus is the Bread. We are the hungry. We can have as much as we want. This Easter, what are you hungry for ... love ... purpose ... respect ... righteousness ... peace? Whatever your hunger,

Jesus is the **Bread of Life**. He calls us to come, eat, and be filled and to taste and see that the Lord is good.

Point to ponder:

Concerning the Bread of Life, where do I fall on the scale below?

1		2	3
	4		5
famished feasting!	snacking	breakfast, lunch, dinner	3 square meals + dessert

Prayer

Dearest Father,

This Easter, we come to you hungry. You are the **Bread of Life**; the only One who can fill us. Just as You rained down bread from heaven for your people to gather each morning in the desert, You rain down bread for us. May we come each morning to gather our **Bread of Life**, fresh from your Word. Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

In Jesus Holy Name,

Amen.

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