

## Jesus Feeds 5000 and Walks On Water

John 6:1-21

**Intro:** In chapter 5 Jesus faced *controversy with the Jews in Jerusalem* for healing the infirmed man on the Sabbath. The next two signs in chapter 6, *the feeding of the 5,000* and *our Lord's walking on the Sea of Galilee* provide the backdrop for Jesus' great "Bread of Life" discourse in which He claims to be the "Bread of Life" that came down out of heaven from the Father in order to provide eternal life for everyone who believes in Him (6:35). These two signs link Jesus to Moses and the events of the Exodus and show that Jesus is greater than Moses. Under the leadership of Moses the Israelites passed through the sea, and God provided His people manna from heaven. Jesus is the One who is greater than Moses—He walks on the sea, and He provides bread from heaven, the true bread which provides men eternal life.

### I. Sign #4—Jesus' Feeding the 5000 (20,000) 6:1-15

- A. The setting (6:1-4)
  - 1. The place—
  - 2. The people—
  - 3. The Passover feast—
- B. Jesus' question to Philip (6:5-6)
- C. Philip and Andrew's responses (6:7-9)
- D. Jesus' miraculous supply (6:10-13)
- E. The crowd's two-fold reaction (6:14-15)
  - 1. Their declaration: "*This is the Prophet who is to come....*" (v. 14; cf. Deut 18:15)
  - 2. Their desire to make Jesus King (v. 15a)

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### II. Sign #5—Jesus' Walking on the Water 6:16-21

- A. The parting of Jesus' disciples (6:16-17)
- B. The problem of the storm (6:18-19a)
- C. The provision of the LORD (6:19b-21)
  - 1. Jesus claims to be God—"I AM" (6:20; cf. Exodus 3:14)
  - 2. Jesus causes "immediate" deliverance (6:21; cf. Mark 6:51)

**Interpretation:** *Jesus is the Bread of Life that provides eternal life for all who believe!*  
He is also the Judge who will judge all who refuse to believe in Him!

### Applications:

1. Jesus is the *only adequate provision* for life and for ministry. He alone can meet our needs as a church, and as individual Christians. **He is the "Bread of Eternal Life"!**
2. Men desire *the provisions of God* (physical), but reject *the Person of God* (spiritual)
3. Jesus sends us into storms in order to test and temper our immature faith (Jam. 1:2-4, 12)