



## *Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 16*

Preacher – Ben Rounds | Text – John 6:15-40

### Summary:

This text records one of Jesus' most famous discourses - or sermons - where he describes himself as the "Bread of Life." His statement "I am the bread of life," is the first of seven "I AM" statements, in which Jesus describes himself and his ministry in divine terms. In this passage, Jesus clearly presents himself not as the *means* by which the people will get what they really need, but as the very thing which they truly need. In other words, Jesus is not a tool to satisfy the desires of the human heart, but the very satisfaction itself – apart from him, there is no life.

### Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?
2. Why did Jesus withdraw from the crowds (v. 15)? What was the crowd trying to do, and why did Jesus reject it?
3. Describe the importance of the miracle in v. 19. Why do you think John records it this way?
4. Notice how the crowds chase after Jesus (vv. 22-25). What were they after?  
**Application:** Have you ever tried to 'get' anything from Jesus?

5. What does it mean not to work for the 'food that perishes'? Does Jesus mean that we shouldn't go to work or earn money to buy food or pay bills? What do you think he is highlighting for the crowds?
  
6. Notice the crowds' response to Jesus in v. 28? What's their mindset? **Application:** How does the 'works righteousness' mindset enter your own life and religious practices?
  
7. Why do you think the crowds ask Jesus for a sign? Hadn't they already seen signs and wonders?
  
8. What's Jesus' promise to those who would come to him and believe? Why do you think he highlights the resurrection so prominently in this sermon? How can the hope of resurrection influence our own thinking?
  
9. **Application:** Why is it so difficult to treasure Jesus himself as the true blessing? Why do you think we are so prone to looking past Jesus to other, lesser blessings? How can we resist this in our own lives?
  
10. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?