

SERMON NOTES

Reason To Believe: Lord of Creation
John 6:16-21

Ultimately the feeding of the 5,000 will foment into a difficult discussion with the multitudes. “Do you believe I am the Christ the Son of the living God?” However, before we get there, Jesus exercises His power and authority again. This time, it is a series of miracles that are private. The public miracle of feeding thousands of people is followed by Jesus demonstrating He is the Lord of creation. He overcomes distance, He overcomes a storm, and He overcomes fear in the hearts and minds of His chief creation, man. The presence of Jesus calmed the fears of His disciples, reminding them that He is the Lord of Creation.

Key thought: When you are afraid, remember, Jesus is the Lord of Creation and He cares for you.

This passage teaches us we can live with the....

ASSURANCE OF HIS PRESENCE (6:19)

- He is there (Psalm 139:7-12)
- He is near (Deuteronomy 3:16; Psalm 23:4, 46:1, 73:28, 34:18, 119:151)

CONFIDENCE IN HIS PERSON (6:20)

Jesus’ “I am” statements would have particular significance to the first-century Jewish listener. God had revealed Himself to Moses with a resounding “I AM” (Exodus 3:14). Jesus used the same words to describe Himself. (4:26; 6:20; 13:19).

1. “I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51) As bread sustains physical life, so Christ offers and sustains spiritual life. He is our source and our sustenance.
2. “I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12) To a world lost in darkness, Jesus is the light that exposes the darkness of our sin and offers hope and forgiveness.
3. “I am the door of the sheep.” (John 10:7, 9) Jesus protects His followers as shepherds protect their flocks from predators. Every building has an entrance somewhere. The Kingdom of God also has an entrance. It is Jesus Christ.
4. “I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25) Death is not the final word for those in Christ. Jesus gives life and promises eternal life to those who believe.
5. “I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11, 14) Jesus is committed to caring and watching over those who are His.
6. “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6) Jesus is the source of all truth and knowledge about God. There is only one way to God and it is through His Son, Jesus Christ. (John 20:31).
7. “I am the true vine.” (John 15:1, 5) By attaching ourselves to Christ, we enable His life to flow in and through us. By the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we bear fruit that will honor the Father.