

I AM

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Title: "Baker's Dozen"

Text: John 6

The first of the 7 "I AM" statements of Jesus are in alignment with the fourth miracle recorded in John, which is the feeding of the multitude, estimating nearly 5000 people. The only two miracles recorded in all 4-gospel accounts are the resurrection of Jesus and the feeding of the 5000. This occurrence reveals the intentionality of the writer to point out that this memorable miracle is more fulfilling than simply a meal replacement.

I. The Look within the Miracle:

- Obstacles become Opportunities (John 6:5)
- Insignificants become Instruments (John 6:9)
- Leftovers become Lessons (John 6:12)

II. The Link to the Manna:

- Source of Eternal Life (John 6:32)
 - Satisfaction through Eternal Life (John 6:35)
 - Security in Eternal Life (John 6:39-40)

Comparison of Manna to Jesus:

- It was small - Humility

- It was round - Infinite
- It was white - Purity
- It was sweet - Blessing
- It came at night - Unexpected
- It was misunderstood - Questioned

III. The Listeners around the Message:

- **Consumers:** *Desire benefits, without the cost of belief. (John 6:26)*
- **Confused:** *Lack faith, due to missing facts. (John 6:41-42)*
- **Casual:** *Possess faith, desire blessing; selective obedience. (John 6:60,66)*
- **Committed:** *All in without reserve. (John 6:67-69)*

Application: Where do you see yourself in the story if it were to happen today? My prayer is that you would walk in an opportunistic faith of expectation of greater things to happen; firmly rooted in an eternal security despite your doubts, recognizing that being a disciple is a call to unashamed commitment.