### I AM...the Bread of Life

Sermon Series: Who is Jesus?

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Today we launch into a new series of messages that will take us to Easter Sunday. We will be considering several passages in John's Gospel where Jesus makes an "I Am" statement. Each statement is carefully woven into the daily interactions of Jesus, His disciples, and the crowds who followed; accentuating who He is.

Each Description is preceded by a \_\_\_\_\_\_!
 In Koine Greek, "I am" is either εγω or ειμι,

Here, and in the other "I AM" statements, we discover both being used. These "I AM statements are the only times done so in the New Testament!

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:13-14

#### 3 other realities also must be considered with Bread

- 1. The Perception of what "Bread" means
- 2. The Miracle of the Feeding of the 5000
- 3. The Background of Manna

# Jesus Himself gives God's Life to us because He is the

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

<sup>34</sup> "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

# I receive and daily feed on God's Bread, Jesus by

When hearing of this special Bread, Jesus is asked how to acquire it:

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." John 6:28-29

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.

John 6:35-36

<sup>40</sup> For my Father's will is that **everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him** shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." John 6:40

## Takeaway:

How real is your struggle to choose Enduring Bread, not Spoiling Bread?

All Scriptures are from the New International Version Bible unless otherwise mentioned. You may make comments or ask Bro. Tony questions about this message by email at: **brotony@itawambachristianchurch.org** 

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared. "I Am the bread of life." John 6:32-35a