

THE BREAD OF LIFE

4/11 & 4/12

[John 6:25-40](#) - There are many kinds of bread: white, wheat, rye, sesame, pumpernickel, sourdough, and much more. You most likely have a favorite kind for various reasons. There is a moment when Jesus declares that he is the bread of life. The background is that the day before Jesus made this statement, he fed thousands of people bread and fish. As he is questioned by the religious leaders the following day, he discusses the bread God gave their ancestors when they left Egypt, which leads to God giving the people bread for their souls. The religious leaders didn't understand Jesus' point; they didn't want to be hungry. Jesus' point was that he would give them the substance they needed to live eternally. He would give his life so they could be forgiven.

What is your favorite bread?

What does Jesus mean when he says that he is the bread of life?

Why is this hard for people to understand?

Sermon Notes



Our Journey for

April 6 – April 12, 2026

What does Jesus say about himself? You may know some of his titles, like Son of Man or Son of God. Other names, such as Christ or Messiah, are also popular titles associated with Jesus. Who does Jesus say that he is? In John's Gospel, Jesus says that he is several things. Over the next several weeks, we will be going through those things. We start with the first one. Jesus says that he is the bread of life. I haven't heard anyone call themselves bread, but Jesus did. What did he mean by that? Does he think people would toast him, spread butter and jam on him, and eat him with their breakfast? That's not what he said in John chapter 6 verse 35. Jesus is in an argument with the religious leaders about the bread God gave their ancestors when they left Egypt. Jesus claims that he is the bread that is more beneficial to their lives than the bread given to their ancestors. This week, we will dig into what Jesus said and what it means for us.

~ Pastor Seth

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Mon. 4/6

[Psalm 105](#) – God's goodness can be seen throughout the Bible. It starts in Genesis and continues through the end of time in Revelation. Psalm 105 recounts the time God saved the people of Israel from the Egyptians. A man named Joseph was the first to go to Egypt, not because he wanted to, but because he had to. While he was there, God gave him the ability to interpret dreams, which led him to be in charge of collecting grain before the seven-year famine hit the area. During this famine, Joseph had the opportunity to save his family. As time continued, the people forgot Joseph and enslaved the Israelites. God showed them His goodness by bringing them out of slavery and into the Promised Land. God always provided for all their needs on this journey. God hasn't changed; He is still doing great things for people.

Why does the psalmist remind the people of God's goodness?

What does bread have to do with God's goodness?

STARVATION???

Tue. 4/7

[Exodus 16:1-35](#) – Have you ever said that you were starving? Was it true? Moses heard this complaint from the people as they left Egypt on their way to the land God promised them. It was a short journey, but it took them forty years because of their lack of trust. Our reading today is the start of God giving them the food they needed to thrive. This journey starts with scared people because they had no idea where they would get enough food to survive. The wilderness was not filled with grocery stores or bakeries. It was filled with rocks and sand. What would they eat? As they grumbled to Moses and ultimately to God, fear grew their imagination, which led them to say they were starving. God heard them and provided quail and manna. He still provides us with what we need.

Why did the people grumble?

What does God provide when you grumble?

GOD'S PROVISION

Wed. 4/8

[Isaiah 55:1-13](#) – We believe that God knows everything, so He knows what we need. The prophet Isaiah shares what God is telling him to the people as they face exile from Jerusalem. God says that He has what they need. He has water to quench their thirst and bread to satisfy their hunger. The best part of it is that God wants to give it to them without charge. It is theirs for the taking, but the people refuse to take what God is providing. Their actions are basically saying that they know what they need better than God does. Their hearts say God isn't able to satisfy their needs. As God continues to speak, He tells them He has a better plan for them; all they need to do is trust Him. God hasn't changed. He knows what is best for us. He wants to give it to us. Will we trust Him?

How is God providing for you?

What do you do when what you want is not what God provided?

BREAD ALONE

Thur. 4/9

[Matthew 4:1-11](#) - Have you ever fasted? Some fast for 12 hours for bloodwork, and others fast for dietary reasons. In our reading, Jesus is fasting to grow closer to God the Father. It's at this time that Satan comes to test him. The first temptation is to turn the stones into bread to satisfy his physical hunger. This is interesting in a couple of ways. Satan knows Jesus' power; ordinary people can't turn stones into bread. The physical hunger isn't the issue; Jesus sees the issue as a spiritual one. Jesus responds with, "Man does not live on bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Jesus knows that this temptation is to remove his focus from God, so he declares that he will not take his focus off God.

Where is your focus these days?

How do you know where your focus is?

THE INHERITANCE

Fri. 4/10

[Hebrews 9:1-15](#) – The author of Hebrews shared with the reader a picture of the tabernacle and how worship was handled. The reminders of God's love and faithfulness. The need for a blood sacrifice to wash away sin. Then there is a shift from what the priest could do to what Jesus did. Jesus opened the door for people to have their conscience cleaned, meaning they are forgiven and set free from the guilt of sin. The choice remains ours: will we accept the inheritance Jesus gives us, or not? Jesus will not force us to accept him, but he does ask us to make the decision. Throughout the Bible, we see the love God has for people and the lengths He goes to show His love. Will you accept Jesus or not?

Why does God give us a choice?

How did you make your choice?