

Bread of Life

John 6:26-58

Background:

Belief that the Messiah would open up the storehouse of Manna in Heaven.

Seven "I Am" discourses in John

- I am the bread of life (6:35; cf. 41, 48, 51)
- I am the light of the world (8:12; cf. 18, 23)
- I am the gate for the sheep (10:7, 9)
- I am the good shepherd (10:11, 14)
- I am the resurrection and the life (11:25)
- I am the way and the truth and the life (14:6)
- I am the true vine (15:1, 5)

Structural (John 3 Nicodemous, John 4, Woman at the Well):

The claims:

I am the Bread of Life: 35, 38, 48, 51, 58

Contrasted to Manna: 49, 58

Eternal life: 37, 40, 47, 51, 54, 58

Prophecy of the Passion: