



How Big Is Your Jesus?

"I Am the Bread of Life" | John 6:35, 48, 51

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✧ Sizing Up Jesus (The Story and Context)

- ⇒ Two major events happen in this chapter or signs pointing to who Jesus was have happened before he makes this statement. One 5000 men plus families witness it. The other only the disciples witness it. Jesus walking on water in a storm.
- ⇒ The first is the feeding of the 5,000 and the second is Jesus walking on water
- ⇒ He crosses the Lake of Galilee.
- ⇒ Now who does this? Who is Jesus? We're sizing up Jesus.
- ⇒ Here's where we get traction for today: The people's response: "This is indeed the Prophet." Is this a prophet or is He more? They sized him up!
- ⇒ *Jesus withdrew* - Wait, why? Surely he came to be our king. We want to make him king and he backs away. So "come on Jesus, they like you! Why?"
- ⇒ So who is Jesus? Their view of Political King Jesus was too small. It doesn't fit. "President Jesus" in the White House is too small.
- ⇒ Let's keep going. Now Jesus not only creates food. He walks on water and controls storms.
- ⇒ Sizing up Jesus. Who is this? This is kind of like parting the Red Sea.
- ⇒ Is my view of Jesus big enough?
- ⇒ He's not YOUR Messiah, with your worldview. He's God's Messiah bringing something bigger. He won't fit on your leash.
- ⇒ So Jesus withdraws to a mountain to pray.
- ⇒ It's natural to grow and evolve in our understanding of Jesus. I struggled with this. I wanted meaning. So I gave my life to Jesus. He was my meaning Jesus.

✧ Jesus Sizes Us Up. Motive: Why Do We Follow Jesus?

- ⇒ We not only shrink or bottle Jesus to fit our thinking but also for what we want.
- ⇒ He's my Jesus (very thin, incomplete and restricted Jesus)
- ⇒ They want the Santa Claus Jesus. The repair-man Jesus. The fix-it Jesus. Protect my family Jesus. Get me into heaven Jesus. Sick 'em Jesus. Make me prosperous Jesus. My health exercise Jesus. My political Jesus.
- ⇒ We shrink Jesus to fit our wants and needs. We end up with a Jesus who let's me do what I want.

✧ Jesus is G G G G God!

- ⇒ I am what you need to truly live, not that bread I multiplied.
- ⇒ *My flesh* - He's prophesying his crucifixion.
- ⇒ I am what will fulfill you. You were made for me. The Imago Dei.
- ⇒ And Jesus purposely uses *I am* - and will do it 6 more times
 - I am is only allowed to apply to God (Ex 3:14).
 - Later he's says, "before Abraham was, *I am*" (Jn 8:56).
 - All things were created by and through him (Jn 1:1-3; Heb 1:3; Col 2:9-10).
- ⇒ That's who died for you on the Cross; that's who loves you; that's who wants to care for you; that's who wants to spend eternity with you.
- ⇒ I'm what you need. Not the signs. Just Jesus.
- ⇒ He's saying that He Himself is our sustenance. Is Jesus enough?
- ⇒ Isa 55 why spend money. He's the source.
- ⇒ Just the toy maker but no toys.
- ⇒ Mat 14:33 The disciples worshipped and said truly you are the Son of God.

✧ Is Jesus Enough? Do you want Jesus for Jesus or just for what He can do?

- ⇒ They came out sizing up Jesus and He sized them up. And most turned away. They wanted the candy man. The toys. The blessings. But not God on a cross.
- ⇒ Just Jesus - He's it.
- ⇒ He's not an addendum to our lives. On his terms. He informs everything else.
- ⇒ Tough times were ahead for the disciples - all martyred.
- ⇒ We are a thrill me quickly culture.
- ⇒ Who do you think Jesus is and why do you follow Him?
- ⇒ It really boils down to: Is it what you want or who you want?

✧ Thinking It Through

- ⇒ There is a Lordship - Come and join the Jesus Moment. He is bigger and more. His love, his creatorship and power are more, his compassion and understand, his forgiveness and patience, his justice is way more.
- ⇒ How big is your Jesus?
- ⇒ How would you know if someone had truly been with Jesus?