



The Miracles of Jesus

John 6:1-15

What are miracles?

“Unusual workings of God that are clearly supernatural.” (Theologian Millard Erickson)

What are the purposes of miracles?

- 1. **To glorify God** – he is always the source of the miraculous (Matt 9:8, 15:31; Mark 2:12b; Luke 17:15).
- 2. **To affirm the supernatural basis of revelation.** They confirm the message about Jesus. Greek word often used for miracles – ‘signs’ (John 14:11; Mark 16:20; Heb 2:4).
- 3. **To meet human needs.** Jesus’ miracles are a result of his compassion for the suffering and the lost. (Mark 1:41; Matt 14:14, 20:34).

Context of John’s 6:1-15

The 7 miraculous signs of John

- 1) Water into wine (John 2:1-11)
- 2) The healing of the official’s son (John 4:46-54)
- 3) The healing at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-17)
- 4) Feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:1-15)
- 5) Walking on water (John 6:16-21)
- 6) The healing of the blind man from birth (John 9:1-41)
- 7) The raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-144)

7 ‘I AM’ Sayings

1. I am the Bread of Life (John 6:35)
2. I am the Light of the World (John 8:12)
3. I am the Door (John 10:9)
4. I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-14)
5. I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
6. I am the Way and the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)
7. I am the Vine (John 15:1-5)

7 Witnesses to Jesus

- 1) John the Baptist - John 1:29-34
- 2) Nathaniel - John 1:43-51
- 3) Peter - John 6:66-69

- 4) Jesus himself - John 10:22-30
- 5) Martha - John 11:27
- 6) Thomas - John 20:28
- 7) John - John 20:30-31

Text of John 6:1-15

Vs 1-4 – Jesus is the bread of life, the Passover Lamb (John 6:35; 48-58)

Vs 5-9 – Right answer, wrong question.
Great hunger, little meal.

Vs 10-13 – Faith exercised before food provided.
Food enough for others.

Vs 14-15 – Crowd wanted to forcefully make Jesus king but he would not let them.

Application

1. Where do we go to find bread for the hungry?
2. Look past the miracle – behold Jesus!
3. Don't come to him with your agenda. Bow down, surrender your life, worship Him!

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