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**The Miracles of Jesus**

**John 6:1-15**

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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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