**I AM** (graphic)

(Exodus 3:13)

“Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘**What is his name**?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

(Exodus 3:14)

“…This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.”

**Tetragrammaton**: YHWH

(Leviticus 24:16)

“anyone who **blasphemes the name of the Lord** is to be put to death. The entire assembly must **stone** them.”

*“The blasphemer is not guilty until he pronounces the Name.” -Mishna Sanhedrin 7:5*

(John 8:58-59)

“Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, **I am**!” At this, **they picked up stones to stone him**, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.”

(John 6:25-27)

“When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but **because you ate the loaves and had your fill**. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

(John 6:30-35)

“So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? **What will you do?** Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the **true bread** from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said, **“always give us this bread.”** Then Jesus declared, “**I am the bread of life**. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

**I Am the Bread of Life.**

**Significance of Bread in Scripture**:

* Provision and Survival
* Life and Salvation
* Forgiveness
* God’s Word
* God’s Presence

1. Bread in the **wilderness**.

Yesterday’s **provision** isn’t always today’s **purpose**.

(John 6:48-51)

“**I am the bread of life**. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they **died**. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, **which anyone may eat and not die**. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will **live** **forever**.”

You can’t satisfy a ***ZOE* need** *(eternal)* with ***BIOS* means** *(physical).*

1. Bread that **multiplied**.

(John 6:30)

“So they asked him, “What **sign** then will you give that we may **see it and believe** you? **What will you do**?”

It’s possible to **pursue** miracles and miss the **purpose** of the miraculous.

(John 6:36)

“But as I told you, you have seen me and **still** do not believe.”

Miracles point us to **Jesus**.

1. Bread of **Life**.

(John 6:35)

“Then Jesus declared, “**I am the bread of life**. Whoever comes to me will **never go hungry**, and whoever believes in me will **never be thirsty**.”

(John 6:37)

“All those the Father gives me will come to me, and **whoever comes to me I will never drive away**.”

(John 6:39-40)

“And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose **none** of all those he has given me…For my Father’s will is that **everyone** who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have **eternal life**…”

Are you **hungry**?