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TOPIC: JESUS AS THE LIVING BREAD AND LIVING WATER

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JESUS AS THE LIVING BREAD (JOHN 6:25-40)

A day after the feeding of the five thousand, the crowd looked for Jesus and found him on the other side of the sea of Tiberias. The Crowd asked how He came to be there, however, Jesus replied that they were seeking him not because of the signs (miracles) but, because they ate the food He gave them the other day and were satisfied. Jesus then admonished them to labour or seek for the imperishable food, which is the bread of life. This is what He said to them.

"Do not labour for the food which perishes, but the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you; for on him has the father set his seal".

However, the people then asked for a sign, just like Moses did, for them to believe Him. Jesus told them that it was God that gave their fathers manna, and not Moses. He told them again:

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.

Therefore, people asked for the living bread and in response to the people request for the bread of life, Jesus declared.

I am the bread of life, He who comes to me shall not hunger and he who believes in me shall never thirst'.

JESUS AS LIVING WATER (JOHN 4:7-15)

Once, Jesus met a woman at the well in Samaria and asked her to give him water to drink. The woman refused on the grounds that it was an abomination for Jews and Samaritans to have anything in common. Jesus told the woman that if she knew the gift of God and the one asking for drinks, she would have demanded from him living water.

Confused because Jesus was not having any container of water with Him, she asked where He will get the water He is talking about. The woman queried whether Jesus was greater than Jacob who gave them the Well and even drank from it with his children and cattle. Jesus answered the woman saying that the

water the woman was having will still evokes more thirst after drinking, but that his own water will become a spring in anyone who drinks it, and "welling up to eternal life". The woman therefore, demanded for the living water so that she may not thirst again or come to the well to draw water.

SIGNIFICENCE OF JESUS AS THE LIVING BREAD AND WATER AND HOW IT APPLIES TO US

- 1. Bread or life is the word of God, which is received through Jesus teachings. Thus, believing in the word of God through Jesus Christ leads to eternal life.
- 2. We are to preach the word to others so that they too would accept Jesus as their personal Lord and savior.
- 3. Living water is figurative. It simply means that the word of God is universal it is both for Jews and Gentiles and for all.
- 4. The living spring which wells to eternal life symbolizes the word of God which does not decay. It is forever fresh to sustain whoever embraces it.

ASSIGNMENT

Why did Jesus speak Himself as the living water?