

The Gospel of John – The Seven “I am” sayings Session I

John 6:35 “I am the bread of life” Read the entire chapter to get the feel for the setting of this conversation.

Tied into Exodus 3 when GOD tells Moses his name – Yahweh – **“I am who I am”** God goes on to say in Exodus 3:15 – This is what you say to the Israelites, **“I am” has sent me to you.**

In our English bibles when we see the capitalized LORD this is where the name of GOD revealed to Moses would appear. But for the Jews to print God’s name was a violation of the commandment about using the name of the Lord in Vain. So the Jews used the word for Lord, Adonia instead. In our bibles it is always in capital letters. LORD.

Spiritual food over earthly food –

5000 are feed. And now Jesus will give bread that once eaten you will never go hungry. (vs. 35) Another sign confirming who Jesus is.

Jesus as the new Moses? God as the source of bread not Moses.

How do we feed our faith? What nourishes us beyond the physical food? Holy Communion is the obvious connection to this I am saying. “This is my body given for you”. Although John’s Gospel does not have the Eucharist or Holy Communion service at the Passover feast. Instead Jesus washes the disciples’ feet.

In John 6 at the feeding of the 5000 the Passover festival is mentioned. (6:4) The Passover Feast is another connection to Moses and the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt which led to the eating of the manna from heaven.