

# 'I Am the Bread of Life"

### Introduction: (Rock Light Bread)

- What do these things have in common?
- How often in your life do you see water, rocks or stones, light, and bread?
- How would your life be blessed if these images reminded you of the ministry and mission of the Redeemer?

### Helaman 5:12, John 8:12, John 6:35.

# Jesus heals a man on the Sabbath and declares himself the Son of God. (John 5)

• Jesus healing a man at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1–9). What instructions did Jesus give the man when he saw him in the temple later that day? (John 5:14.)

# "Look after those who wait by the pool of Bethesda" (Reading 1)

- What can we do to help people who have physical or mental disabilities?
- Why are the effects of sin "a worse thing" than physical infirmities?
- Why did the Jewish leaders seek to kill Jesus? (John 5:16-18.)
- As Jesus responded to the angry Jews, what did he reveal about his relationship to the Father? (John 5:19–23, 30.)
- Jesus told the people that <u>he would soon do even "greater</u> works" than healing the sick (John 5:20). What did he say these greater works would be? (John 5:21–29.)
- What witnesses did the Savior say testified of him? (John 5:32–39, 45–47.)
- Why is it important to have these witnesses? (Jacob 4:6.)
- · How can we be witnesses of the Savior?
- Jesus challenged the Jewish leaders to "<u>search the</u> <u>scriptures</u>" (John 5:39). What is the difference between searching the scriptures and reading them?

### "Search the scriptures" (John 5:39)

- Read John 5:20–30 silently while it is read aloud.
- What did you see when you searched the scriptures that you did not see when we read them quickly?
- What can we do to search the scriptures on our own?
- The Prophet Joseph Smith received the vision of the kingdoms

of glory after pondering John 5:29. Invite a class member to read Doctrine and Covenants 76:15–20.

- <u>What knowledge have we been blessed with</u> because Joseph Smith searched John 5:29?
- How have you made your **personal and family scripture** study more meaningful?
- How have you been blessed as you have searched the scriptures?
- According to John 5:39, <u>what would the Jewish leaders have</u> <u>known if they had searched and believed</u> the scriptures? (John 5:40, 46–47.)

• How have the scriptures strengthened your faith in Christ? Jesus miraculously feeds more than 5,000 people. (John 6:1–14 and Mark 6:30–44)

- <u>Why did Jesus and his disciples go up into a mountain?</u> (John 6:1–3; note the Joseph Smith Translation of Mark 6:31 in footnote 31*a*,)
- How did Jesus respond when the multitude came to him? (Mark 6:33–34; Matthew 14:14.)
- How can we follow his example of compassion?
- How did Jesus feed the multitude? (John 6:5–13; also Matthew 14:21.)
- How can we follow the example of the boy who gave his loaves and fishes to Jesus?
- How does the Lord bless us when we, like the boy, give whatever we have in His service?

(Reading 2)

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- What are some examples you have seen of **people being** magnified by the Lord as they have served him?
- How is the miraculous feast from five loaves and two fishes symbolic of the spiritual feast the Savior offers us?

### Jesus walks on the sea, invites Peter to come to him, and calms the winds. (John 6:15–21 and Matthew 14:22–33.)

How did the disciples react when they saw Jesus walking toward them on the water? (Matthew 14:26; John 6:19.)

★ How did Jesus respond to their fears? (Matthew 14:27; John 6:20.)

★ What did Peter request when he heard the Savior's voice? (Matthew 14:28–29.)

- Why did Peter's faith falter as he walked on the water? (Matthew 14:30.)
- ★ How do we sometimes make similar errors when difficulties arise?
- What did Peter do when he began to sink? (Matthew 14:30.)
- What did Jesus do? (Matthew 14:31-32.)
- st What does this reveal about our relationship with the Lord?
- How have you felt the Savior strengthen you and calm your fears?

# Jesus declares that he is "the bread of life." (John 6:22–71.)

- The day after Jesus' miracle with the loaves and fishes, the people followed him to Capernaum. Why did they follow him? (John 6:26.)
- How did Jesus use the people's excitement about the <u>previous</u> <u>day's miracle to testify of his mission</u>? (John 6:27–35.)

### (Reading 3)

- How is "bread of life" an appropriate description of the Savior and the blessings he offers us? (John 6:35, 47–51.)
- · What does it mean to "never hunger" and "never thirst"?
- How can we partake of the "bread of life"? (John 6:47, 51– 54; Matthew 26:26–28; Alma 5:33–35; D&C 20:77.)

### (Reading 4)

- ★ When some people rejected Jesus' sermon, what did Jesus ask the Twelve Apostles? (John 6:67.)
- What was Peter's response? (John 6:68.)
- ☆ What did Peter and the other Apostles understand about Jesus that those who left did not understand? (John 6:69.)

### Challenge:

Jesus Christ is "the bread of life". He has "the words of eternal life" (John 6:35, 68). Apply his promises from the Sermon on the Bread of Life: "He that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. ... He that believeth on me hath everlasting life" (John 6:35, 47).

**NEXT WEEK** "Lesson 13: "I Will Give unto Thee the Keys of the Kingdom" Matthew 15:21–17:9

- Jesus said to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). The Prophet Joseph Smith taught that the rock Jesus referred to is revelation (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, sel. Joseph Fielding Smith [1976], 274). In what way is revelation the foundation of the Lord's Church?
- Elder David B. Haight taught that Jesus' Transfiguration "was meant for our spiritual enlightenment as well as for those who were personal witnesses" (in Conference Report, Apr. 1977, 8; or *Ensign*, May 1977, 7). What can you learn from the Transfiguration to help you when you need spiritual strength? (See Matthew 17:1–5.)

### Scripture Chain: Revelation

| Proverbs 29:18    | Amos 3:7        | 1 Corinthians 2:9–12 |
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| Galatians 1:11–12 | 2 Peter 1:20-21 | Alma 5:46            |
| Moroni 10:5       |                 |                      |

