

Thinking Outside the Bread Box

John 6:22-34

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BIG IDEA—the Jewish concept of eternal life was mediated through Moses and the Torah, but Jesus was greater than both

1. Jesus is greater because He gives life that lasts **forever**
 - a. Food is **satisfying** , but only for a brief time
 - b. Jesus is the Son of Man who **gives** eternal life
 - c. Jesus is uniquely **approved** by God the Father

2. Jesus is greater because He gives life to all who **believe**
 - a. The Jews picked up on a single word “ **work** ”
 - b. Jesus **corrects** their focus
 - c. To **keep on** believing in the Sent One (John 20:31; see also Romans 4:1-5)

3. Jesus is greater because He gives life to the **world**
 - a. Moses only **distributed** what the Father gave
 - i. The manna from God
 - ii. The Torah (**instruction**) of God
 - b. The “*Bread of God*” = the Son of Man = Jesus
 - c. Jesus has “*come down from heaven*” mentioned **7** x
 - d. Jesus is for the whole world (John 3:16; 4:42)

Below draw a picture showing Jesus as the Bread of Life (6:35)

Extra: The phrase “*I tell you the truth . . .*” (NIV) is also translated “*Truly, truly I say unto you . . .*” (NASB). It introduces a solemn truth, and is a formula alerting the hearers to pay special attention and remember. Jesus speaks with authority “I say unto you . . .”

Count how many times by the end of John 6 that Jesus has used this phrase.