

Bread of Life, Luke 22:14-15, 19

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- The Apostle Matthew tells us about a woman who demonstrate her extraordinary act in declaring her faith in Jesus Christ
 - **Matthew 26:6-7 NIV**, 6 While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, 7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.
 - **Matthew 26:8-9 NIV**, 8 When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. 9 “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”
 - **Matthew 26:10-13 NIV**, 10 Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 12 When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. 13 Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

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- “Memorial” as it occurs in the New Testament means, "a token of remembrance"
 - It carries the idea of greatness, weight, blessed to know about
 - There must be times in our lives when we stop, remember, give thanks
 - The American Flag is a memorial, Lincoln memorial, Viet Nam War memorial

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- Jesus left for His people a token of remembrance we call “The Lord’s Supper or Communion”
 - Last week we learned this memorial is deeply rooted in God’s salvation history of mankind
 - Starting with **Genesis 3:15 MSG**, “I’m declaring war between you and the Woman, between your offspring and hers. He’ll wound (*crush*) your head, you’ll wound his heel.”
 - There is one coming who will make everything right in creation
 - **Genesis 3:21 NIV**, The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.
 - We see it in the life of Noah and the flood as a single way was provided through the wrath of God

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 - **Genesis 22:6-8 NIV**, 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife.
 - What does this sound like?
 - As the two of them went on together, 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” 8 Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son”
 - There is one coming that will be the lamb for the burnt offering

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 - We see in these verses a visual representation of what happen on the day of Jesus’ crucifixion
 - It was to be from the father’s own will
 - It was to be from the father’s own hand death was to occur
 - The promised son yielded to his loving Father in trust
 - The promised son carried the wood that would consume him
 - It speaks of the son’s resurrection since God promised the father decedents like sand from this son

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 - We see the redemption story in the Passover
 - **Luke 22:14-16 NIV**, 14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. 15 And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”
 - The Passover lamb was sacrificed in place of the son
 - **1st Corinthians 5:7 NIV**, “For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”

Scripture

- Jesus, taking the place of the household father, gives us the first element of Communion
 - **Luke 22:19 NIV**, “And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”
 - Holding up the loaf Jesus says, “This represents my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”
 - Where have we heard this imagery with Jesus and bread before?

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- **John 6:30-34 NIV**, 30 So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”
 - 32 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. 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”
 - 34 “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

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- **John 6:35 NIV**, Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go (*spiritually*) hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be (*spiritually*) thirsty.”
 - Hear Jesus say, “I do not just give eternal life or satisfy eternal thirst. I am eternal life and eternal satisfier.”
 - I am the one promised that will crush the work of Satan
 - I am the ark that rescued Noah
 - I am the sacrificial replacement for Isaac and Israel on Passover
 - I am the manna that came down from heaven
 - “As bread is a necessary element of physical life, I am the necessary element to eternal life”

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 - There is a spiritual thirst upon sinful mankind today that cannot be satisfied apart from Jesus
 - It began at the fall of mankind when they no longer had unfettered access to their Heavenly Father
 - They rebelled then they tried to cover it up and hid from their loving Heavenly Creator

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 - **Genesis 3:7-8 NIV**, 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
 - A thirst came upon mankind that was never satisfied until the sin of their rebellion has been covered by the innocent one slain, Jesus Christ on the cross

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 - **Romans 8:3-4 ESV**, 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned (*your*) sin in the (*His Son’s*) flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled (*appropriated*) in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
 - **2nd Corinthians 5:21 NIV**, 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin (*offering, covering*) for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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- In His statement, “I am the bread of life”, Jesus is taking us to the cross, resurrection, and to eternity
- **John 11:25-26 NIV**, Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”
 - And to demonstrate this truth
 - **John 11:43-44 NIV**, 43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.
 - Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”
 - Grave clothes do not belong on one who is alive

Jesus gives us a visual image of a spiritual reality

- **Luke 22:19 NIV**, “And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”
 - “This bread is a visual representation of my body which I freely gave for you”
 - Remember me personally
 - Don’t lessen my importance over time
 - Keep me fresh in your mind and heart

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 - Remember my work for you
 - Stepping into our world
 - Living His physical life in our world
 - His sacrificial death on the cross
 - His empty tomb

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 - Remember His work in you
 - Drawing you to Himself
 - Giving you faith necessary to believe
 - Blotting out your sin debt
 - Filling you with the Holy Spirit
 - Giving your life hope, purpose, meaning, and a future

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- Notice the progression
 - “He took the bread”
 - Single loaf, there is only one body of Christ, and it was not baked in the Baptist Bakery of Jerusalem
 - A single sacrifice for all mankind

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- Notice the progression
 - “He gave thanks”, What for?
 - You and your acceptance by His Holy Father
 - For His Father’s plan to defeat Satan’s work in His very good creation
 - For the joy set before Him
 - Knowing His Heavenly Father would give Him everything needed to accomplish salvation for you and me

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- Notice the progression
 - “He broke it”, His choice to suffer
 - Single loaf in which each piece is a part of the whole
 - It was broken for you, and you, and me
 - My piece doesn't fit well without yours

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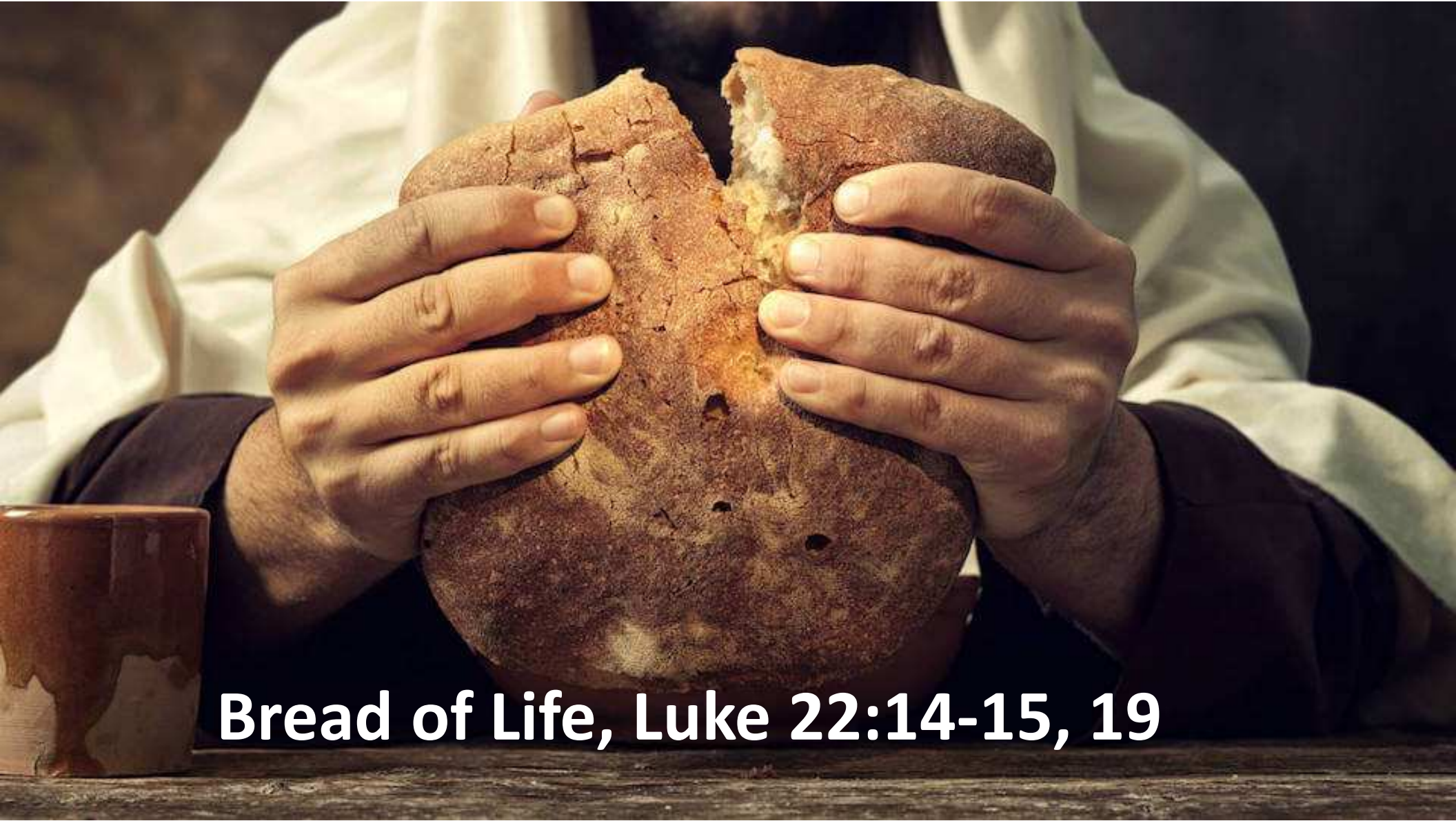
- **Luke 22:19 NIV**, “And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”
 - “He gave it to each person there” to take and consume or place within their lives
 - Not leave it on their plate (I’ll think about it later)
 - Not drop it on the floor (Making it appear you have consumed it)
 - Not to feed it to the dog (Satan is waiting to take it from our hand)
 - You must choose to bring it into your lives by consuming it through faith

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- This is why the Apostle Paul warns us about participating in this memorial without first checking your heart
 - **1st Corinthians 11:25-28 NIV**, 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
 - 27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy (*careless, improper*) manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

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- If we held the Lord's Supper this morning, would you be partaking of it in an unworthy, careless manner
 - Does the life you are now living reflect worthily upon the great sacrifice of Jesus Christ for you
 - If others were watching you take it, would they get the wrong idea or impression of Jesus Christ
 - Good News – this can be taken care of this morning



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