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SERIES Jesus said and did a lot of memorable, meaningful and miraculous things during His life on earth. Each one of those things revealed something different about Him, but do they prove that Jesus is who He says He is?

Jesus performed many miracles, not only to prove his identity as the Son of God, but to teach us how to live as well. The feeding of the 5000 (John 6:1-6) is one such example.

1. The “Prove It” series has identified that Jesus is: peace (Judges 6:24); provider (Genesis 22:13-14); healer (Exodus 15:26); and guide toward your future (Ezekiel 34:15-16). How have you seen evidence of Jesus being these things today?
2. What are the dangers we face if we are in awe of what Jesus DOES vs. who he IS – if we only see our relationship with Jesus as what we get out of it?
3. Martha could be considered the quintessential example of someone whose love language is acts of service. Read Luke 10:38-42 and John 11:17-44. Explore her tendencies to overvalue acts and Jesus’ response to her. Can you identify with her?
4. In John 6:12-13, we read that the disciples collected enough leftovers from feeding the 5000 to fill 12 baskets. From this, David explains that the more we give life to others, the more Jesus gives life to you.
 - a. Are there times in your life where this has proved true or untrue?
 - b. Reconcile this idea with the lives of martyrs such as Stephen (Acts 7:54-60), James, and Peter (Acts 12:1-12).
5. Read John 20:30. Does God still give signs today of his existence, power, and love? Is there a difference in the *purpose* of the signs today vs. the signs that Jesus performed during his ministry?
6. David said we should live out of a suitcase because Jesus is all we need? How would we apply this analogy to daily life?

Today’s message concluded with the idea that we have a problem when “the bread” (what Jesus can do for you) becomes the gospel. Prayerfully consider what your gospel is, and ask Jesus to show you how He is enough.