

I am the Bread of Life **John 6:35**

Jesus' claim here is the 1st of seven dramatic metaphors.

Some biblical metaphors that are used elsewhere to describe people:
Gen. 49:9, Ps. 18:2, Isa. 64:8, Matt. 5:13, Jn. 1:36.

Why did Jesus choose to call Himself the bread of life?

This stems from the feeding of the 5,000 in 6:4-15 and the desire for food (6:25) and a Moses-like manna miracle (6:30,31). It appears Jesus chooses the bread metaphor because of their fixation on food.

What does Jesus mean by claiming to be the bread of life?

See repetition of *bread*, *out of heaven*, and *eternal life* in vv. 35-40.
How does one eat the *bread of life* (Jesus) to get eternal life?

Jesus adds *never thirst* as well; recall 4:13,14 and see Isa. 55:1-3.

What must I do in view of who Jesus claims to be?

Some grumble in v. 41 (recall wilderness response) which turns into arguing (v. 51) because Jesus refers to *flesh* and later to His *blood*.
Some later confused this passage with reference to communion.
Some left Jesus, see in v.66. What about us?

