

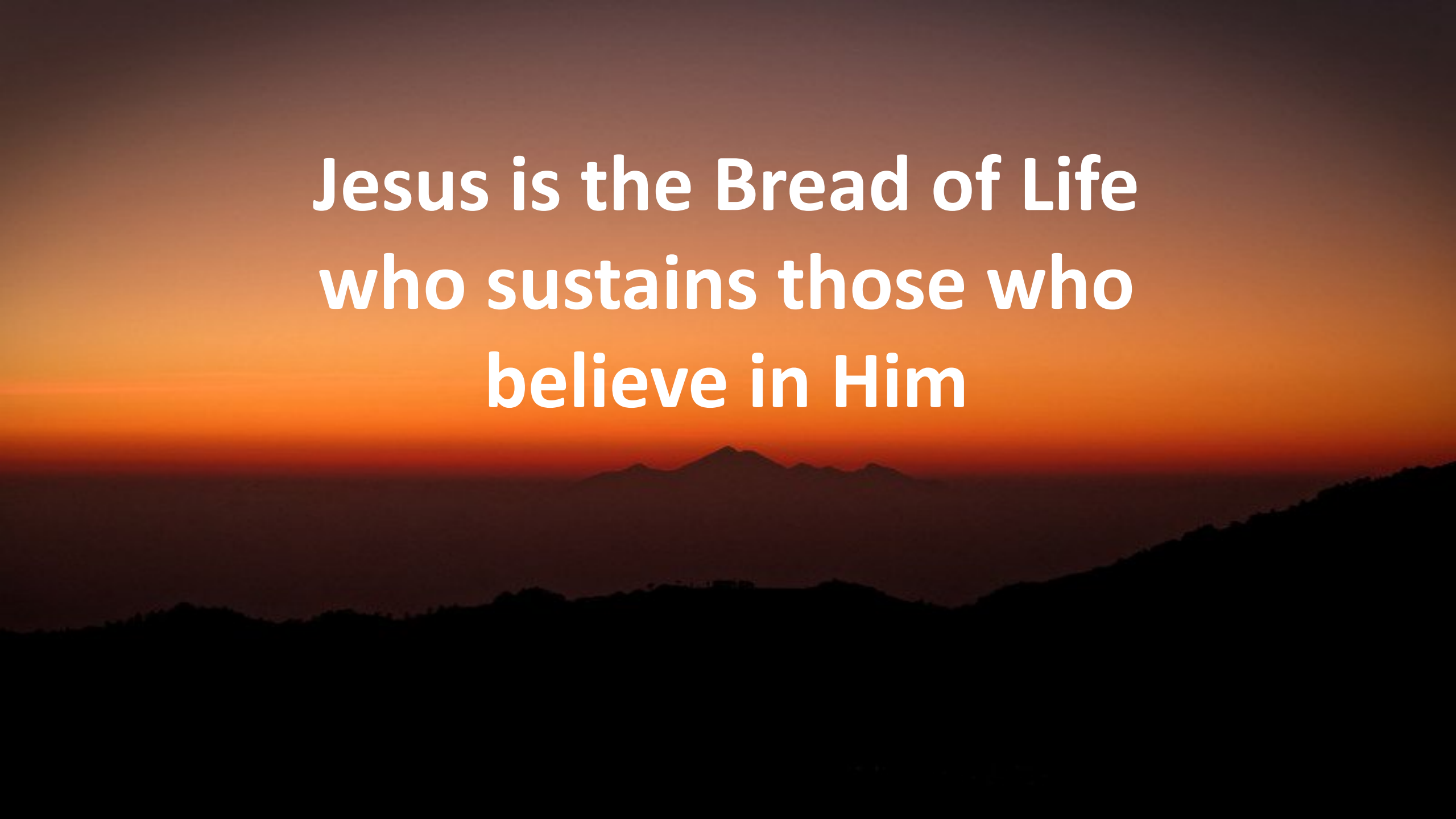
That You Might Believe

Sunday, April 28, 2019

John 6:1-71

JESUS' MINISTRY



The image features a serene landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of warm colors, from a deep orange near the horizon to a darker, muted orange at the top. Below the sky, the silhouettes of several mountain ranges are visible, creating a layered effect. The foreground shows the dark, jagged outlines of hills. Overlaid on the upper half of the image is the text "Jesus is the Bread of Life who sustains those who believe in Him" in a clean, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered and arranged in four lines.

**Jesus is the Bread of Life
who sustains those who
believe in Him**

I. Jesus the Miracle Worker (v.1-21)

v.4 – “Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.”

John is careful to tell us that this miracle was performed on the occasion of a coming Passover. We are meant to see a similarity between these events and the events of the first Passover.

v.14,15 – The people are ready to anoint him as the Prophet Moses was talking about.

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your own brothers – it is him you shall listen...”

Deuteronomy 18:15

II. Jesus the BREAD of LIFE (v.22-59)

“Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God? Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

BELIEVE

"to entrust" or "to put one's faith in"

To believe involves more than agreeing with a body of information
Where genuine belief exists, a corresponding action will follow

v.35-40 – Jesus reply, I am the Bread of Life...(1 of 7 ‘I AM’)

“He came into his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:11-13

v.41,42 – “They said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?”

Familiarity can breed unbelief

III. Jesus the DIVIDER (v.60-71)

“When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This is a hard saying who can listen to it...After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.’” v.60,66

When He tells them that He is the bread of life and that they must come to Him to be forgiven, they will leave.

Jesus does not allow people to accept Him on their own terms

v.67-69 – *“Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.’”*

