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Luke 2:10, ... “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

Luke 2:11, “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Psa. 75:1, “We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.”

Luke 2:1, “And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.”

Luke 2:2, “This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.”

**Luke 2:3, “So all went to be registered,
everyone to his own city.”**

Matt. 1:18, “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.”

Matt. 1:19, “Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.”

Matt. 1:20, “But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.’ ”

Matt. 1:21, “ ‘And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’ ”

Matt. 1:22, “So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:”

Matt. 1:23, “ ‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’ ”

Matt. 1:24, “Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,”

Matt. 1:25, “and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son.”

Luke 2:4, “Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,”

Luke 2:5, “to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.”

Luke 2:6, “So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.”

**Luke 2:7, “And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
And he called His name Jesus.”**

John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:18, “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”

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“Bread of Life”

John 6:33, “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”



Bread

לֶחֶם *lechem* bread, food, grain

Lev. 26:26, “ ‘When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not be satisfied.’ ”

Ezek. 5:16, “ ‘When I send against them the deadly arrows of famine which were for the destruction of those whom I will send to destroy you, then I will also intensify the famine upon you and break the staff of bread.”

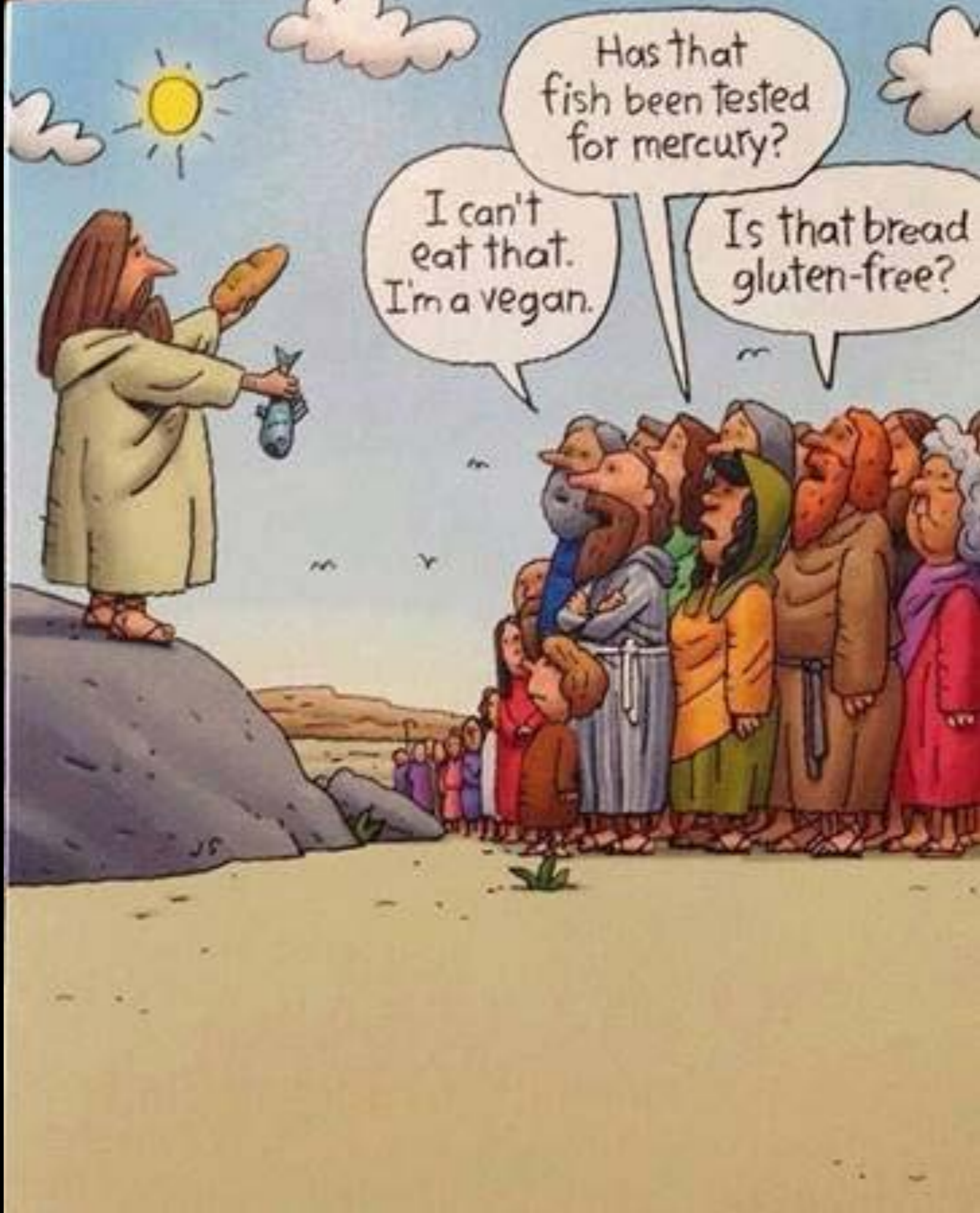
Ezek. 14:13, “Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its staff of bread, send famine against it and cut off from it both man and beast,”

- 1. Bread represents fellowship, Gen. 14:18.**
- 2. Bread represents a divine gift.**

Ex. 16:15, “So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ [*man hu?*]

For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, ‘This is the bread (*lechem*) which the Lord has given you to eat.’ ”

Ex. 16:16, “This is the thing which the Lord has commanded: ‘Let every man gather it according to each one’s need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.’ ”



Has that fish been tested for mercury?

I can't eat that. I'm a vegan.

Is that bread gluten-free?

1. The work of God is to believe in Jesus who God sent to us because He is the bread of life. John 6:26–35

2 Baruch 29.8

And it will happen at that time that the treasury of manna will come down again from on high, and they will eat of it in those years because these are they who will have arrived at the consummation of time.

Ecclesiastes Rabbah 1.9*

As the former redeemer [Moses] caused a manna to descend, as it is stated, *Behold, I will cause to rain bread from heaven for you* (Ex. 16:4), so will the latter Redeemer cause manna to descend, as it is stated. *May he be as a rich cornfield in the land* (Ps. 72:16).

John 6:29, “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.’ ”

John 6:35, “And Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.’ ”

2. Jesus then describes faith in Him, in terms of coming to Him, that is recognizing He is the source of life and coming to Him and Him alone for that life. John 6:37–47

John 6:35, “And Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.’ ”

John 6:37, “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”

John 6:40, “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

**John 6:47, “Most assuredly, I say to you,
he who believes in Me has everlasting life.”**

**3. The third time He goes further to connect their present behavior with that of their forefathers in the wilderness.
John 6:48–58**

John 6:48, “I am the bread of life.

John 6:49, “Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

John 6:50, “This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.”

Eating and drinking are metaphors for accepting something and making it part of who you are. Jesus enters in and gives you eternal life and lives within each of us.

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John 6:36, “But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.”

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