

The Gospel of John

John 6:41–71

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“These are written so that you may continue [come] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.” John 20:31

1. COME to faith in Jesus Christ
2. GROW in that faith

6:41-51 Jesus' Bold Assertions

1. About his _____ = who He is

“Then the people began to murmur in disagreement because he had said, ‘I am the bread of life came down from heaven.’” (v. 41)

“Not that anyone has seen the Father; only I, who was sent from God, have seen him.” (v. 46)

“Yes, I am the bread of life!” (v. 48)

2. About his _____ = why He came

“For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up. As it is written in the Scriptures, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.” (v. 44)

3. About his _____ = what He offers

“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life.” (v. 47)

“Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die.” (v. 50)

6:52-59 Jesus' Gracious Offer

1. Is his _____ = his flesh and blood as atonement for sin

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh.” (v. 51)

2. So that we might _____ = a new and eternal life, present and future

“Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.” (vv. 54-56)

3. As we live _____ to Him = in complete surrender and obedience

- Through hyperbole, Jesus asks, “Are you ready to follow me? Really?”

“So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away... And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away.” ~Matthew 5:29-30

6:60-71 Jesus' Loyalty Question

“Many of his disciples said, ‘This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?’ Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, ‘Does this offend you?’” (vv. 60-61)

1. Jesus _____ the central issue

“The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But some of you don't believe me.” (vv. 63-64)

2. When faced with the demands of discipleship

- a. Fans _____ from commitment

“At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him.” (v. 66)

- b. Followers _____ to be counted

“Simon Peter replied, ‘Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.’” (vv. 68-69)

Jesus is looking for FOLLOWERS, not FANS. Which are you?