

John 6:41-63

41-44. The Jews then murmured against Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." And they said, "Is not this Jesus, **the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know**? How is it then that He says, '**I have come down from heaven**'?" Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to Me **unless the FATHER who sent Me DRAWS HIM**; and I will raise him up at the last day."

- **John 12:32** "And I, if I am _____ up from the earth (on the CROSS), will _____ all _____ to Myself."
- **Matthew 13:55-56** "Is this not the _____ son? Is not His _____ called _____? And His _____ James, Joses, Simon and Judas? And His _____, are they not all with us? _____ then did this Man get all these things?"

Definition: "Unless the FATHER who sent Me DRAWS HIM" - This is one of the most profound truths of the Bible, and yet the most misunderstood. Perhaps we will never FULLY understand it until we reach heaven, but we CAN ACCEPT IT BY FAITH for now. We have a free will, and everyone MUST CHOOSE to ACCEPT CHRIST in order to be saved. God will not FORCE US against our free will, but **He DRAWS certain ones to Himself and to Jesus**. I believe PRAYER has a lot to do with God drawing certain ones to Jesus, but again, WHO put it in a person's heart to **pray for that other person** in the first place? God did.

- **Ephesians 1:4** "Just as He _____ us in Him _____ the _____ of the world, that we should be _____ and without blame before Him in love."

45-47. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Therefore everyone who has **HEARD and LEARNED from the FATHER comes to Me**. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. Most assuredly I say to you, **he who believes in Me has EVERLASTING LIFE**.

- **Acts 16:14** "Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who _____ God. The _____ opened her _____ to heed the things [about Jesus] spoken by Paul."
- **Read Acts 8:26-38** (Verse 35) "Then Philip opened his mouth, and _____ at this _____, preached _____ to him." (Verse 37) "Then Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he answered and said, 'I _____ that Jesus Christ is the _____ of _____.'"

Definition: "HEARD and LEARNED from the FATHER comes to Me." - Many people do NOT believe in the God of the Bible, but they believe in gods of their own understanding, false gods. Anyone who sincerely believes in God, the FATHER, will eventually come to Jesus.

- **I Corinthians 8:5-6** "For even if there are so-called _____, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many _____ and many _____), yet for us there is only one God, the _____, of whom are all things, and we for him; and one _____ Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live."

48-51. I am the **BREAD OF LIFE**. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. **I am the LIVING BREAD** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and **the bread that I shall GIVE is My FLESH**, which **I SHALL GIVE** for the **LIFE of the world**.

- **Hebrews 10:19-20** "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the _____ of _____, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is His _____."
- **I Peter 2:24** "Who _____ bore (took away) our _____ in His own _____ on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might _____ for righteousness-by whose stripes (wounds) you were _____."

Definition: "The BREAD that I shall GIVE is My FLESH" - Jesus says that the true bread, or living bread that gives eternal life is **His flesh (His BODY)** which He WILL GIVE FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD. He is **referring to HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS as the SACRIFICE for the SINS** of the WORLD. Jesus' death on the cross was not some unfortunate ACCIDENT that happened to a good man and a prophet (some cults or liberal, so-called Christian churches teach that). His death on the cross was the WHOLE PURPOSE for His coming into the world and taking on human form! And it was that HUMAN FLESH that took the punishment for our sins on the cross.

- **Isaiah 52:14** ".....So His _____ was marred more than any man, and His _____ than the sons of men."
- **I Peter 3:18** "For Christ also _____ once for _____, the just for the unjust, that He might _____ us to God, being put to _____ in the _____ but made alive by the Spirit."

Definition: "His VISAGE was MARRED more than any man" - Depending on which translation you have, this verse will say either "visage" or "appearance". Visage means appearance, and particularly of the face. "Marred" means **torn up, ruined, destroyed**. Jesus' face and whole body were so totally ripped to shreds, bloodied and swollen that He was UNRECOGNIZABLE as being a man. He endured a SCOURGING, which was a beating with a whip to which were attached sharp bits of bone and metal, and which TORE His flesh nearly off His back. The crown of thorns was driven into His head causing deep wounds, He was beaten in the face repeatedly by the soldiers, and the crowds pulled out His beard. Then, at the site of the crucifixion, the soldiers drove large iron spikes into His feet and wrists to nail Him to the cross. He endured HOURS of torture in one of the most CRUEL and painful types of execution invented by man. He knew all this was going to happen to Him, so it is no wonder that in His HUMAN nature He prayed and AGONIZED in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-44).

- **Matthew 26:67** "Then they spat in His _____ and _____ Him; and others _____ Him with the palms of their hands."
- **Isaiah 50:6** "I _____ My _____ to those who _____ Me, and My _____ to those who _____ out the _____; I did not cover My face from _____ and spitting."

52-58. The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us **His flesh to eat**?" Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless you EAT the FLESH of the Son of Man and DRINK His BLOOD**, you have no life in you. Whoever **eats My flesh and drinks My blood** has ETERNAL LIFE, and I will raise him up at the last day. For **My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed**. He who **eats My flesh and drinks My blood ABIDES in Me**, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so **he who feeds on Me** will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven-not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. **He who eats this bread will LIVE FOREVER**.

- **Read Luke 22:15-20** (Verse 19-20) "And He took the _____, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is My _____ which is _____ for you; do this in _____ of Me.' And in the same way He (Jesus) took the cup after they had eaten, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My _____, which is shed for you.'"
- **Leviticus 17:11** "For the life of the _____ is in the _____; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an _____ for your _____: for it is the _____ that makes an atonement for the soul."
- **I Corinthians 11:24-25** "And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take, _____; this is My _____ which is _____ for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My _____. This do, as often as you _____ it, in _____ of Me.'"

Definition: "Whoever EATS My flesh and DRINKS My blood has ETERNAL LIFE" - Is Jesus talking about when we eat the communion bread and drink the communion wine? No, we take communion (the Lord's Supper) "in remembrance" of what has ALREADY HAPPENED TO US - it is ONLY A SYMBOL of what we must do to receive eternal life. To EAT of Jesus' flesh or DRINK of His blood means that we must TAKE INTO OURSELVES BY FAITH His SACRIFICE on the cross - it must become a part of us. Real faith is not just MENTAL ASSENT, or believing some FACTS about Jesus. Many times we refer to it as "asking Jesus to come into your HEART" by faith. Jesus Christ MUST come INTO your HEART and LIFE, as you ASK Him to come in, just as you would EAT physical food and it would become a part of your physical body by its nourishment.

- **Eph. 3:17** "That _____ may _____ in your _____ by _____"
- **I John 3:23-24** "And this is His commandment, that we should _____ on the name of His Son _____, and love one another as He gave commandment. And he that keeps His commandments _____ in _____, and _____ in _____. And by this we know that He (lives) abides in us, by the _____ whom He has given us."

59-60. These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a HARD SAYING; who can understand it?"

- **I John 5:3** "For this is the love of God, that we _____ His _____. And His _____ are _____ burdensome (DIFFICULT)."

Definition: "This is a HARD SAYING; WHO can UNDERSTAND IT?" - Many of the people who had become "disciples" or followers of Jesus because of His healings and miracles (the feeding of the five thousand, etc.), were now struggling with His teaching. Remember, people who believe because of miracles and signs are usually SHALLOW in their belief, and **as soon as things get tough, or the teaching is difficult to understand**, they fall away.

- **Read Matthew 13:3-23** (Verses 20-21) "But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the _____ and _____ receives it with _____; yet he has no _____ in himself, but _____ only for a _____. For when tribulation or _____ arises because of the _____, immediately he _____."

61. When **Jesus knew in Himself** that His disciples murmured about this, He said to them, "Does this **OFFEND** you?"

- **Luke 5:22** "But when Jesus perceived their _____, He answered and said to them, 'Why are you _____ in your _____?'"
- **Hebrews 4:13** "And there is no creature _____ from His _____, but all things are naked (exposed) and _____ to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."
- **Luke 8:17** "For nothing is _____ that will not be _____, nor anything _____ that will not be _____ and come to light."

Definition: "Jesus KNEW in Himself" - This is another incident where Jesus ALREADY KNOWS what is in someone's heart and mind.

- **Psalms 139:1-4** "O Lord, You have _____ me and _____ me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You _____ my _____ afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are _____ with _____ my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You _____ it altogether."

Definition: "Does this OFFEND you?" - Some of the Jews may have even thought that Jesus was teaching cannibalism, but all of them **certainly were OFFENDED** by His saying they must DRINK HIS BLOOD. God had forbidden the eating or drinking of blood in the Old Testament (Leviticus 17:10-14), so it was particularly disgusting to the Jews to hear this.

62-63. What then if you should see **the Son of Man ASCEND [to] where He was before?** It is the **Spirit who gives life**; the flesh profits nothing. **The WORDS that I speak to you are SPIRIT, and they are LIFE."**

- **John 20:17** "Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet _____ to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am _____ to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"
- **Proverbs 4:20-22** "My son, give attention to My _____; incline your ear to My sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your _____; for they are _____ to those who find them...."

Definition: "The Son of Man ASCEND to WHERE HE WAS BEFORE" - Where was Jesus BEFORE He came to earth and was born in a HUMAN BODY? **He ALWAYS EXISTED with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit in HEAVEN!**

- **John 1:1 & 14** "In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with God, and the _____ was _____. And the _____ became _____ and _____ among us, and we beheld His glory, the _____ as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."
- **John 17:5** "And now, O Father, glorify Me together _____ Yourself, with the _____ which I [always] had _____ You _____ the world was."

Definition: "The WORDS that I speak to you are SPIRIT" - Jesus' words, and the written word of God which we have in the Bible, are NOT mere words of man, but are the WORDS OF GOD, and are FULL of POWER by the HOLY SPIRIT.

- **Zechariah 4:6** "'.....Not by might (man's strength), nor by [human] power, but by My _____,' says the Lord of hosts."