

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **The Offensive Jesus**

Context: Surprising Words of Jesus

John 6:53-59 (ESV)

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, 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 feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life**, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on 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 whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

What did Jesus mean?

How do I do this?

The Response: **Scandal** and a Dwindling Following

John 6:60-65 (ESV)

When **many** of his disciples* heard it, they said, "**This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?**" But Jesus, were to see knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "**Do you take offense at this?** Then what if you the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

Our only secure hope:

Judas: a case study

John 6:66 (ESV)

After this **many** of his disciples turned back and **no longer walked with him**.

The Hardest Saying and the **Offense of the Cross**

John 6:41-46 (ESV)

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "**Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?** How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. **No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.** And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets*, 'And they will all be taught by God.' 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. "

The message of the cross _____.

Titus 3:5

The message of the cross _____.

1 Corinthians 1:21-25

The message of the cross _____.

Galatians 6:14-15

The message of the cross _____.

1 Peter 2:22-24

The message of the cross _____.

Colossians 2:13-15

The message of the cross _____.

Ephesians 2:1-9

CONCLUSION: The Personal Question

John 6:67-70 (ESV)

So 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."