

Gospel of John

(6.60) Sifting the Disciples

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66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." 71 He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the Twelve, was going to betray him.

Reaction to the 'hard saying'... Jn.6:60-71

To what 'hard saying' are the Jews referring? **6:60, 6:52-58**

But what is Jesus actually telling them re this 'hard saying'? **6:63b; Ps.119:130; IThess.2:13**

What is Jesus' question to His 'disciples'? **6:61-62; see Acts 1:8**

What's the key to understanding His words here? **6:63; IICor.3:6; Jn.6:68, 12:49-50**

What does Jesus bluntly tell these 'disciples'? **6:64, 36; Rom.8:29; IITim.2:19**

What is the explanation for this non-belief? **6:65; see 6:44-45; Eph.2:8-9; Titus 3:3-7**

What was the result of Jesus' blunt but truthful Words? **6:66 see ICor.2:14; Mt.13:20-21**

After this exodus, what is Jesus' question to 'the twelve'? **6:67, 60; IJn.2:19**

And what is Peter's (spokesman for them) answer? **6:68-69; Acts 4:12, 5:20; IJn.5:11-13**

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They're referring to eating Jesus' flesh and drinking Jesus' blood + Came from Heaven!

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To obtain eternal life (not physical life) you must receive Jesus totally/spiritually. Faith!

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Does this offend you?! If so, then what if you saw the Son of Man ascending to heaven?

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It is the (Holy) Spirit who gives life; flesh avails for nothing. My Words are spirit and life

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There are some of you who do not believe (in Me). He knew who would betray Him!

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He had told them that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father.

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Many of His 'disciples' turned back and no longer walked with Him. The natural man

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Do you (the twelve) want to go away as well? Are My Words so offensive to you also?

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