

John 6:43-71

Review – V1-21/Miracle, V22-40/Next Day(V26), LW-V41-42

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43 - Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. **44** No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. **45** It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall **all** be taught by God.’ (Isa 54:13) Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. **46** Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. (Building Bridges III) **47** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

* Oh, what amazing, powerful, promises we have in Jesus!!!

- **I will** raise him up & Most assuredly, I say/you, he who believes in Me **has** everlasting life!
- The religious leaders said they knew his father/mother (Joseph/Mary)...but Jesus said!

48 **I am the bread of life.** **49** Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. **50** This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. **51** **I am the living (zao) bread which came down from heaven.** If anyone eats of this bread, he will **live** (zoe) forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the **life** (zoe) of the world.”

* More amazing, powerful promises from Jesus!

1. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and are dead, I am the bread of life that if you eat of it you will not die!

- Manna (**Ex 16:15**=What, What is it?) vs. **Living** (zao) bread – bread that has life (zoe) in it

2. If anyone eats of this bread, he will **live** forever!

52 The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?”

* Need to understand they are thinking only in the natural realm – then it’s understandable
- We need to understand that. We say things like Jesus is saying, people will question also!
- Its going to get a little more intense...

53 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. **54** Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. **55** For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. **56** He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. **57** As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. **58** 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.” **59** These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. **60** Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?”

* Everyone agree with the disciples when they heard this? “This is a hard saying”
- Especially those hearing with the natural ears!?

61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you? **62** What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? **63** It is the Spirit who gives life (zoe); the flesh profits nothing. **The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life (zoe)**. **64** But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. **65** And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.” **66** From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

1. The key to understanding Jesus’ words is to hear them all – V53-60 & V61-63!

- Jesus said both – eat my flesh, drink my blood **AND** the words I speak to you are spirit
- Then He said, It is the Spirit who gives life (zoe), the flesh profits nothing.
- He absolutely did not mean physical, natural – He said he meant his words to be spiritual!
- He never intended anyone to eat his flesh and drink his blood!
- We therefore to not embrace the doctrine of transubstantiation – bread/juice become literal

Matthew 26:26–28 - And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” **27** Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. **28** For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

2. Jesus knew from the beginning (of time) who they were who did not believe & betray him.

- Therefore, I said to you no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.
- This granting to come to Him was based on Fore-knowledge;
- So based on His omniscient knowledge of...who they were who did not believe – he predetermines

Romans 8:29–30 - For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

- But who does God call – who He foreknew!

John 3:16-17 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever** believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the **world** to condemn the **world**, but that the **world** through Him might be saved.

* Therefore, we do not embrace the reformed theological

- Total Depravity – We agree that we are all sinner/fall short...but not that we cannot choose
- Unconditional Election – God chooses who to save, not by foreknowledge, but by His choice alone
- Limited Atonement – God’s redemption through Jesus’ death/resurrection was only for the elect
- Irresistible Grace – God does a work of regeneration in us by grace, that causes us to choose, not our choice, it’s irresistible – If you are elected to be saved, you can’t resist, you can’t not be saved
- Perseverance of the Saints – Because you are elected you cannot lose your election

* We believe what God said – John 6:64, Romans 8:29-30, John 3:16, John 3:17; 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 10:9-13

67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” **68** But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. **69** Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” **70** Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?” **71** He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

Conclusion – Lastly - We believe the purpose of the Gospel of John 20:30-31