


## ② THE BRUTAL TRUTH

1. We want/work for the food that perishes rather than the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.


Example

2. Jesus is the true bread from heaven. The only work of God is to believe in whom he has sent, i.e. we must give up our "deadly doing." (32-40)
3. But no one will come to Jesus unless the Father who sent me draws him (44 + 65), i.e. the Spirit must give you spiritual life to believe.
4. You must eat the flesh + drink the blood of the Son of man to live; if you don't you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life... 53ff

➡➡ Brutal Truth = your life requires the Cross 

③ The sifting of the disciples Crowd ▶ 12  
Will you follow Jesus?

## ① THE TESTING

 2 stories of testing the disciples

1. Feeding of the 5,000

- ☑ Crowds, Jesus tests Philip 5-6
- ☑ human possibility + Jesus' provision 7-13
- ☑ Crowd's perception + Jesus' withdrawal 14-15

2. Storm at Sea

- ☑ Disciples start across Sea to Capernaum "Jesus had not yet come to them." 17
- ☑ Storm at Sea... Jesus walking on the Sea... and they were frightened." 19
- ☑ It is I; do not be afraid 20

➡➡ The test of every disciple = Is Jesus enough?  
You?

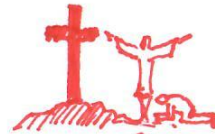
### ③ THE SIFTING

☰☷ Disciples' grumbling offense of the Cross, "The Cross Alone is our Theology." Luther

1. The cross is God's No to the way of glory; No to every human religious possibility, moral exertion, spiritual performance! It requires a bottoming out!

Gerhard Forde, *On Being a Theologian of the Cross*

2. The cross is God's Yes to every sinner, every person who will give up every speck of rightness and trust in Jesus' alone for life.



After this many of his disciples turned back + no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve,

"Do you want to go away as well?" Peter

➔ There are some on the "outside" that our God will draw in to Jesus, and some on the "inside" who will turn from him Judas