John 6 Pt 3 vv 41-71

Jesus

John 6:40 And **this is the will of Him who sent Me**, that everyone who **sees** the Son and **believes** in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

- **See** Gaze of the Soul on the Cross
- **Believe** Affirmation of the Heart to Receive

IV. Hung up on the Incarnation Rejected by His own

Topic: Eternal Life
Physical/Temporal vs Offer of a New Paradigm: Living in the Spiritual/Eternal

John 6:59 [Context] These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

41 The Jews then complained about [Jesus], because He said, "**I am the bread which came down from heaven**." 42 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'**?" 43 Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "**Do not murmur** among yourselves.

- Hung up on v35 I AM the Bread of Life
- Capernaum: 20 Miles from Nazareth
- You came down from Heaven? 6X in John 6

We saw You grow up
We know Your father/mother

- Jesus Father *was not* Joseph but God
- We believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ

Matthew 1:18 …**before** [Joseph/Mary] came together, [Mary] was found with child **of the Holy Spirit…22** So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet [Isaiah 7:14], saying: 23 "**Behold, the virgin shall be with child**, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, **"God with us."**

- God the Father sent His Holy Spirit to a virgin named Mary
- Mary gave birth to the Son of God/Son of Man named him Jesus

1. Jesus always existed as Son of God/God the Son
2. Jesus made manifest to the world as God become man

Philippians 2 [Jesus]… [was] in the form of God… [now] found in ***appearance as a man***

1 Timothy 3:16 …without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifested in the flesh**…

- Joseph was a loving parent/Not Jesus father

God the Father sent His Holy Spirit to overshadow a virgin named Mary
To manifest [make known to us] the Son of God in the flesh

They did not know His Father
Because they did not believe in Him

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- How can He say He came down from Heaven?
- **Do not murmur** lit. grumble in a low tone like cooing of doves

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**.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. [Quoted from Isaiah 54:13]

No one can come to Jesus unless the Father draws them
Many are called but few are chosen? [Mat. 20:16]

- **Who are chosen:** Those God foreknew will be saved

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

- **Before coming to Jesus each of us was**

1. **Drawn** by the Father**.** lit to drag off, led, rt to chosen
2. **Pursued** by Spirit
3. **Embraced** by Jesus

Whoever desires may come/None will not be turned away

Revelation 22:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him come and take the water of life freely."

V45 The Father teaches those He draws to come to Jesus
IOWs Everyone who hears/taught by God the Father comes to Me

Taught by God

The Father wrote a book: 66 Books written by 40 authors le by HS over thousands years/3 continents…integrated message system [Chuck Missler

- OT Prophets taught
- 1st coming Jesus/Apostles taught
- 2000 yrs Pastors/Teachers taught

Jesus at His 2nd coming Jesus will Teach

Isaiah 2:3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; **He will teach us His ways**, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the **word of the Lord from Jerusalem**.

Those who truly Hear/Learn from God *will come to Jesus*

"This was as much as to say, 'The Father has *never taught you*. You have *learned nothing* from Him, or you would come to Me…" [Spurgeon]

46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; **He has seen the Father.**

Jesus: No one has seen the Father in His fullness except Me

Genesis 1:26 Then God [singular] said, "Let Us [plural] make man in Our image, according to Our likeness

One God. Three Persons: Father/Son/Holy Spirit.
Perfect Fellowship/Communion/Fullness of Knowledge of One another

47 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me **has** everlasting life.

Only I can give Life to this dying world but you must believe my Words!
Believing in Jesus means believing His Word re. Who He is/Work He does

- No matter ***how difficult***
- No matter ***how counterintuitive***
- No matter ***how contrary to worldly*** **philosophies…**

    1. All about me **vs.** All about Jesus
    2. Better to get than give **vs.** Better to give than receive
    3. We need to find ourselves **vs.** Lose your life/find real life in Jesus

- **NOTE:** He who believes in Jesus ***HAS Eternal Life***; i.e. Present tense
- Jesus continues teaching in the synagogue…

V. Osmosis through Ingestion

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 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."**

I AM the Bread of Life…That Bread is My flesh
IOWs I came to give My flesh for the life of the world!

Hebrews 10:5 … when [Jesus] came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me **…10** By that will we have been sanctified through the **offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all**.

1 Corinthians 11:24 [Remembrance] …when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "**Take, eat; this is My body** which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

The Bread I give for the Life of the World is My Flesh
Teaching *"Easy to digest"* till now

- Jesus separating/*weeding-out* as John 6 progresses
- Teachings more Intense/more Personal/more Specific

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

- **Therefore:** After Jesus said I shall give My flesh for Life

1. **Synagogue begins heating up:** Complaining to **quarreling**
2. **Quarreling:** lit. Armed combatants engaging in a hand/hand struggles

They differed in their judgment of Him. Some impatiently denounced Him as insane; others suggesting that there was truth in His words. [Dods]

He has their Attention…

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.

Next: This is Required/Necessary for Life now and Eternally
Eat My Flesh/Drink My Blood or Remain among the Walking Dead

1 John 5:12 He who has the Son **has life**; he who does not have the Son of God **does not have life.**

Living Dead? Merely existing but not living…at all
Discontent/Confined/Bound up with worry/Dread

- **V 54** Those who eats My flesh/drink My blood to Eternal Life
- **V 40** Those who see Jesus/believes in Him have Everlasting Life [Gaze of the soul: Tozer]

IOWs Believing means Ingesting/Becoming One

John 17:20 "I do not pray for these [Apostles] alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also **may be one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they **may be one** just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be **made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Separate from the World/One with God

Accessing the Broad Place of the Spiritual Dimension by Faith

56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood **abides in Me**, and I in him.

- **Abiding in Christ?** Vine supply's the Life required to bear fruit [sign of life]

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. **He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit**; for without Me you can do nothing.

Q. Is what Feed on/Ingest; Is it Life-Giving or Life-Diminishing?

Every man feeds on something or other. You see, one man getting his Sunday newspaper; how he will feed on that! Another goes to frivolous amusements, and he feeds on them. Another man feeds upon his business, and another upon the thought of his many cares! But **all that is poor food**… If you were born-again, you would know the deep necessity of feeding upon Christ." [Spurgeon]

Ingesting Flesh/Blood of the Son of Man

- *Not* partaking of **First Adam** and His sin leading to physical/spiritual death
- Partaking of **Last Adam** and His perfection leading to Eternal Life with Him

Osmosis though Digestion…
Allowing Jesus to Penetrate/Infiltrate/Affect our Soul. Soul Food

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**.

Life from the Father to Jesus/From Jesus to Us

- Jesus lives because He is One with the Father
- We live WHEN we become One w/Jesus who is one w/the Father

John 14:23 [Jesus] "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our home with him**.

1 John 1:3b… [I am declaring Jesus] …that you also may have fellowship with **us**; and truly our fellowship is with the **Father** and with His **Son** Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

- Joy is made full as we become one
- Death to Life. Darkness to Light. Hating to Loving

Abundant Life is being one w/each God/Each other
Being knit together w/Deity

- **2 Peter 1: 4** [We are] partakers of the divine nature
- Completely **Identified w/Jesus** as Jesus is identified w/Father.
- **Jesus:** Our sustenance. Our life. Our substance. Our being. Our wholeness

We must set our minds to acknowledging Jesus as our very Life. He is the Bread of Life and our spiritual sustenance now and eternally. [NJC]

Seeing a loaf of bread will not satisfy our hunger. Knowing the ingredients will not satisfy our hunger. Taking pictures will not satisfy our hunger. Telling other people will not satisfy our hunger Selling the bread will not satisfy our hunger. Playing catch w/the bread will not satisfy our hunger. [Guzik]

Only Eating the Bread will bring Satisfaction/Wholeness/Life
He who eats this bread will live *[not merely exist*] forever.

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?"

- **Many Disciples:** Learners

This is a hard saying. Hard to understand?
Not hard to understand/Hard to accept

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

Does this offend you? IOWs *Does what I just said stumble you?*

Let our Master teach us what He pleases, nothing ought to offend a disciple of Christ. It is ours to sit at his feet, and receive all his words *without complaining*. But if we do not believe what He tells us upon some elementary points, what should we do if he were to reveal something more to us, and lead us into the higher and deeper doctrines of his Word? [Spurgeon]

- What if you see the Son of Man coming on the clouds in His glory?
- What if I said you will see angels ascending/descending on the Son of Man?
- You must eat My flesh and drink My blood to move from death to Life

John 12:25 He who **loves his life will lose it**, and he who hates his life in this world **will keep it for eternal life.** [Hyperbole in comparison to abundant life in Jesus]

Matthew 10:39 He who **finds his life** will lose it, and **he who loses his life for My sake will find it.**

Matthew 16:25 For whoever **desires to save his life** will lose it, but **whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.**

Preaching down the congregation?
Truth is not up for debate/Not here to placate for smiles

Should a preacher sometimes be offensive in his preaching? **He must be.** He must sometimes feel that such a truth will only move men's wrath if he preaches it. Nevertheless, **we are not to put truth to the verdict of a jury** [Spurgeon]

Does what I say offend you. Is Adam threatened by what I say?

Doesn't walk back but leans in**/**In all the way or not at all

62 What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?

Isn't it better to be told the truth now and be saved eternally than to be entertained now and condemned eternally? [NJC]

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63 It is the **Spirit who gives life**; the flesh profits nothing. The **words** that I speak to you **are spirit**, and they **are life**.

Empty Words like junk food feed the flesh/Profit nothing or worse
Spirit filled Words are Life/Sweetness to the hearer

My Words are Spirit. My Words are Life
Result: Transformation/Metamorphosis

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**.

- **Judas was among them**…Delivering, Healing, Feeding, Preaching
- **Later:** Stealing, Possessed, Lead mob to Jesus, Killed himself after Satan finished

Jesus knew who would betray Him…

65 And [Jesus] said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

Did Judas have no choice but to betray Jesus?
Did God prevent Judas from being saved? Doomed him to damnation?

Q. Was Judas **predestined to betray** Jesus or did Judas **utilize free-will and choose**
A. Yes.

Yes. Judas was Predestined: God foreknew what Judas would do/Used His foreknowledge within His redemptive plan; Betrayal/Death/Resurrection of Jesus. v 64 …Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. IOWs God knows thus sovereignly acts accordingly using situations/circumstances.

Yes. Judas had/used Free-Will: Judas was not forced/coerced to betray Jesus. Judas had free choice and chose sin. God knew Judas would betray Jesus and used Judas free-will in turn to bring about God's desired result…**Salvation. IOWs Employing Judas betrayal of Jesus culminating in Jesus dying for our sins on a Cross.**

Hard Teaching: God want all of us/Become one with us
You have no life unless you eat My flesh/drink My blood

66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

Many walked with Him no more

- **Many followers walked away.** Back to the walking dead/old ways
- Jesus preached the congregation down/Dross removed

And I believe, brothers and sisters, that wherever Christ is faithfully preached, preaching is the best form of church discipline. Somehow or other, carnal minds get weary of it, and they go away, and those that have not a longing and a love for the truth…so they walk no more with him. [Spurgeon]

- Now with the 12

67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, **"Do you also want to go away?"**

What a penetrating question! One thing God constantly requires of us is a **oneness with Jesus Christ**. After being set apart through sanctification, we should discipline our lives spiritually to maintain this intimate oneness. When God gives you a clear determination of His will for you, all your striving to maintain that relationship by some particular method is completely unnecessary. **All that is required is to live a natural life of absolute dependence on Jesus Christ.** Never try to live your life with God in any other way than His way. And His way means absolute devotion to Him. Showing no concern for the uncertainties that lie ahead is the secret of walking with Jesus. [Oswald Chambers]

Hard things we sometimes neglect to tell people

1. Everything in your life may not be fixed…but you will be saved
2. You are giving up hopes and dreams for His…His desires will become yours
3. You are entering a war. We are called to "make war"
4. Know that following Jesus is mutually exclusive to all other religions
5. You have no rights. You are not entitled to anything. All things are a gift.
6. You are required to forgive. Those who don't forgive will not be forgiven
7. Sinful attitudes toward others will not be tolerated. How can you say you love
8. Un-repentant sin is not acceptable and will be eradicated
9. Your agenda is meaningless. It is now God's agenda. Bought price. Call Lord?
10. You are to humble yourself before God and others. Consider others more important

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.

Not *where* but *whom* shall *we* go?: Peter speaks of a Person not Religion/System
You alone have the Words of Eternal Life. No one else!

- To whom shall **WE go**: Notice Peter includes his cohorts

69 Also **we have come to believe and know** that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

We are taking in the Bread. We believe You are who You say You are
The Messiah/God the Son/Lover of our Souls

- We **all** know: Peter excited about the group, but…

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.

- **I did choose the 12 of you**…each for a purpose

1. **11** of you For the purpose of following Me
2. **1** of you [Diabolos/Accuser/Pawn of devil] to betray Me

John 6: Becoming One with Jesus the Bread of Life
Osmosis though Ingestion

Allowing the Person/Work of Jesus to become Our Life
To Penetrate/Infiltrate/Effectuate our Entire Being: Body/Soul/Mind/Spirit