

**Big idea:** Jesus only spoke what was true, but that doesn't mean the truth was easy to receive. The same is still true for us today.

**I. The context**

- A. The SETTING is in CAPERNAUM**
- B. The PLACE they are gathered is in the SYNAGOGUE**
- C. The TIME is the end of Jesus' ministry in GALILEE**
- D. The STORYLINE is one of UNBELIEF and resistance**

**II. Three questions and a strong word of encouragement**

**A. The QUESTIONS vs. 60-67**

**1. Question one – are you OFFENDED? vs. 60-62**

- **Who are the DISCIPLES?**
  - **CURIOUS**
  - **CONVINCED**
  - **COMMITTED**
  - **(BETRAYER)**
- **What were the HARD THINGS that offended them?**
  - **I have come down from HEAVEN**
  - **I am greater than MOSES**
  - **Eat my FLESH and drink my BLOOD**
  - **Let me ADD another – what about when I ASCEND?**

**2. Question two – how can you COME to Christ? vs. 63-66**

- Not by SELF EFFORT
  
- By GRACE alone, through FAITH in Christ alone
  
- Here it is AGAIN

**3. Question three – ET TU BRUTE? vs. 67-69**

- Jesus asks to TEST them
  
- Peter answers with a DECLARATION
  - A clear JUXTAPOSITION
  
  - A great CONFESSION

**B. A strong word of ENCOURAGEMENT vs. 70-71**

1. To the DISCIPLES...
2. And to US

**III. What we take away...**

**Whenever you think the Enemy is winning (in this world or in your life), take a renewed look at the God who reigns over it all!**