

(Part 5)The Bread of Life (John 6: 60-71)

- **Response #1: We Know Where You Come From: Jews grumbled (as in the desert)**

- 1) Jesus addresses the Jews pointing out *why people cannot see* (6:43-44)
- 2) Jesus addresses *how people will come to see* (6:45-46) Jesus quotes Is 54:13
- 3) Jesus addresses *what exactly it is that people need to see* (6:48-50)
- 4) Jesus then tells them *what people must do in order to gain eternal life* (6:51)

- **Response # 2: How Can He Give Us His Flesh to Eat (6:52-59)**

- 1) This is essential to salvation & resurrection to life on the last day (6:53-54)
- 2) Jesus is the only mediator through whom new life may be received (6: 55- 57)
- 3) The death of Jesus: element of sacrificing for sin, emphasized by its graphic repetition of eating his flesh and drinking his blood (6:53-56)

Response # 3 This Is Too Hard to Understand (6:60-66)

- The 3rd response comes from his own disciples: wider group than the 12 (6: 67)
- These disciples said this is a hard saying, who can understand it (6:60)
- Jesus knows what is going through their minds, so he addresses their concerns:
 - 1) *Jesus asks the question*: “does this offend you” (6:61)
 - 2) *Jesus dismisses the error*: physical partaking is not meant in his words (6:62-63)
 - He asks what would they think if they saw the Son of man ascend into heaven
 - 3) *He challenges their unbelief*: (6:64-65) not for lack of evidence they reject Him

Response # 4: To Whom Else Shall We Go? (6: 67-71)

- Jesus knew the minds of these ‘would be’ disciples, he knew what the 12 thought
- He asks them for their own personal edification and strengthening in their faith
- He asks the question, “do you also want to go away” (6:66)
- Peter with his enthusiasm confesses: **‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also, we have come to believe and know that you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God (6: 68-69)**
- Note Peter’s words- he confesses *firstly* that Jesus is the unique Lord
- *Secondly*, Peter is confessing that Jesus is, in fact, the giver of true life
- *Thirdly*, Peter is confessing that this Jesus is indeed the promised Messiah
- *Fourthly*, Peter is confessing that this Jesus is the Divine Son of God.
- Jesus points out this revelation is not Peter’s insight. It is, in fact, of God (v71)