

## JOHN 6C (6:41-71) Study (NLT) "IN HIM" January 3, 2010 Vineyard Church • Great Falls • MT

• **THE MAIN POINT:** Jesus is living bread for the human soul. We must have an inner, personal "In Him" relationship with him - not merely sit in church every Sunday.

**6:41-42** The people were impressed that Jesus had taken a boy's lunch of \_\_\_ rolls and \_\_\_ sardines to feed 5,000 men plus women and children. They were so impressed that they wanted to make him \_\_\_\_\_ (6:15) by force. However, they had not thought deeply about who or what sort of person could do such a thing. Ultimately only God the Creator could do such a thing. This was a creative miracle—making something out of nothing (in this case, of very little). Jesus did these miracles as signs pointing to himself as the Messiah—the Savior from Heaven—Emmanuel. "God with them." But when he begins to drive this home so that people would come to him and have eternal life, the people *began to* \_\_\_\_\_ because he had said, "I \_\_\_\_\_ the bread from \_\_\_\_\_." They began to find reasons not to take the second step of responding to "the Giver" as the King and Lord of their lives. So they said, "This is Jesus, the son of \_\_\_\_\_. We know his father and mother. How can he say, "I came down from \_\_\_\_\_." In a sense they had a legitimate complaint – but it was time to consider other options. Those who will believe do that.

**6:43-46** Jesus answers them by saying that those of them who will not take a second look at him were not coming to him because the only people that can \_\_\_\_\_ to Him are the ones whom the \_\_\_\_\_ draws \_\_\_\_\_ Him. These people by their protests were showing that they were not called by God to be raised from the \_\_\_\_\_ and enjoy life forever in the Father's house. Jesus says that the Scriptures talk about people who will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from the Father. They respond to the witness of the Holy Spirit in their hearts and come to Jesus. These people choose to break out of their belief box - that only what they have seen and understand is real – and accept that when dealing with God impossible things happen although confounding mystery remains. Jesus makes another outrageous claim in the eyes of those who want to "god their own lives. "Not that anyone has ever \_\_\_\_\_ the Father; only \_\_\_\_\_, who was sent from God, have \_\_\_\_\_ Him."

**PREDESTINATION:** Predestination means that our destination (heaven or hell) is decided in advance. Churches look at this two ways: (1) God decides, and no matter what a person wants, if the Father doesn't call him, he's lost. That is what it sounds like here. (2) God calls those whom he knows will answer the call. "For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son... and having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And he gave them right standing with himself and he promised them his glory." Romans 8:29-30

**6:47-59** The Master and Savior repeats again the blessing of taking him seriously. "I \_\_\_\_\_ you, anyone who believes in me \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life." He goes on to compare himself to the manna that fell from heaven and fed Israel for 40 years in the desert. That bread did not keep people alive, they all \_\_\_\_\_. But those who eat of him — that is, assimilate Him – His spiritual presence - into their souls will live \_\_\_\_\_.

He says the bread is his \_\_\_\_\_, His flesh and blood and bone body, which was \_\_\_\_\_ (on the cross) so that the \_\_\_\_\_ may live." The judgment for sin—guilt, fear, death, eternal destruction which was on our body and soul – was laid on Him on the cross. What he was saying was about as incomprehensible to the natural mind as the Master telling Nicodemus that he had to be born again, which sounded to him like going back into his mother's womb. (John 3) So the people ask, "\_\_\_\_\_ can this man give us his flesh to \_\_\_\_\_." Jesus says it again: "I assure you, unless you eat the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of \_\_\_\_\_ and drink his \_\_\_\_\_, you cannot \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life within you. But those who eat my flesh and drink my blood \_\_\_\_\_ in me... I live by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living Father who sent me...(and this same power I will impart to those who have joined themselves body and soul to me)."

**EAT MY FLESH - DRINK MY BLOOD.** Jesus, at the Last Supper, set up Holy Communion.

"On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same manner, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and you, sealed by the shedding of my (life's) blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." I Corinthians 11:23-25 There are 3 positions on the Lord's Supper: (1) It is just a remembrance. (Reformed) (2) The bread and wine literally become human flesh and blood. (Roman Catholic) (3) The Lord's presence is "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. (Lutheran) This passage goes on to speak of "eating the bread and drinking the cup unworthily ...that is why some of you are weak and sick and some have even died." V27-30 It appears to be more than merely a memorial.

**6:60-65** The disciples said among themselves, "This is very \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. How can anyone \_\_\_\_\_ it?" We have no idea of how this works into our lives. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ they were confounded and \_\_\_\_\_ and were offended. He says someday you are going to understand this --- when you \_\_\_\_\_ me, the Son of Man, return to heaven again. They would literally see him rising into the sky. (Acts 1) The Holy Spirit will bring you the kind of life the Father and I enjoy. He will explain these things to you. "Human \_\_\_\_\_ (to grasp these truths beyond human experience and reasoning) accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_." (Your recreated spirit will be able to grasp this. But the Father will have to illumine your soul and \_\_\_\_\_ you to me. (You won't be able to do this on your own.)

**THE HOLY SPIRIT and the HUMAN SPIRIT.** Paul, speaking by the Spirit, speaks of---  
"the hidden wisdom of God which the rulers of this world have not understood... But we know these things because God has revealed them to us by his Spirit, and his Spirit searches out everything and shows us even God's deep secrets. No one can know what anyone else is really thinking except that person alone, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own

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Spirit. And God has actually given us his Spirit (not the world's spirit) so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us." I Corinthians 2:7-12

• "But when the Father sends the Counselor as my representative—and by the Counselor I mean the Holy Spirit - he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I myself have told you (which you did not understand at the time)." John 14:25-26

THE ASCENSION. He who came down, now goes up. "And now I will send the Holy Spirit just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes (Pentecost—Acts 2) and fills you with power from heaven. Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting up his hands to heaven, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven." Luke 24:49-51

**6: 66–71** At this point, many of the crowd of people who were his \_\_\_\_\_ now turned away from the Master and \_\_\_\_\_ Him. They were frustrated and angry and were understanding the implications of being sold out to Jesus. Jesus asked the inner circle of his disciples, the \_\_\_\_\_, if they were going to \_\_\_\_\_ too. Although Peter was probably about as confounded and confused as the rest, he said, "\_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ would we go? You \_\_\_\_\_ have the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life. We \_\_\_\_\_ them, and we know \_\_\_\_\_ are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

**What Does This Scripture Say To You?** \_\_\_\_\_