

YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE

John 6:41-71

Key Verse: 6:68

1. Read verses 41-42. To whom was Jesus speaking and what had he been teaching them? Why? Why did the Jews grumble? How did they look at Jesus? What two ways of looking at Jesus and his teachings are contrasted in this passage?
2. Read verses 43-45. How does Jesus interpret their refusal to come to him? Who is the one who comes to Jesus? How does the Father draw people to Jesus? What does Jesus promise those who come to him?
3. Read verses 46-47. Why is Jesus the only one who can teach us the truth about God? (46) Why is believing in Jesus a matter of life and death? (47)
4. Read verses 48-58. How is Jesus, the bread of life, different from the bread eaten in the desert? What does Jesus mean when he says, "This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world"? (51b)
5. Read verses 53-59. Why must one eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood? What does Jesus teach about the necessity and meaning of his death? How does his death become meaningful to me? What is the result of "feeding" on Jesus? (57) Why must we do so? How can we feed on Jesus, the bread of life?
6. Read verses 60-66. How did Jesus try to explain to grumblers the importance of believing? What did Jesus teach his disciples and us about the flesh and the Spirit? (61-63) What are the contrasting world views presented in this passage?
7. Read verses 67-71. Why did many disciples turn back and no longer follow Jesus? Who remained with him? Why? Who among the twelve was the devil? How was he like the crowd that left?