

# The Gospel of John

Chapter 6, Verses 46-58

# Review

- General Introduction to the Gospel of John
  - one of the ***five Johannine books***, all of which are among the last books in the Bible to have been written
  - *one of the **four gospels**, each of which is a biography of Jesus and an historical narrative of his life*
  - written in Greek, primarily to those who had already accepted Christ, including ***both Jews and Gentiles***

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- **Prolog (1:1-18)**
  - Jesus Christ was the ***Word become flesh*** (1:14).
  - “***Flesh***” emphasizes that Jesus became exactly what we are.
  - The “***Word***” (Greek, *Logos*) was what God was, and did what God did, from the beginning.
  - He is ***rejected by the world***, in general.
  - But he is the ***savior of all who receive him***.

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- **The narrative begins....**
  - Jesus was revealed to Israel by ***John the Baptist***, after which ***Disciples*** began to follow Jesus (1:19-51).
  - Jesus performed his ***first sign at Cana of Galilee***, changing water into wine (2:1-11).
  - Jesus went up to Jerusalem, ***cleansed the temple*** and performed other ***signs*** (2:12-25), which attracted the attention of the Jews, including a man named ***Nicodemus***, with whom Jesus had an important conversation (3:1-21).

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- ***Jesus surpassed John the Baptist***, who reassured his own followers that this was as it should be. (3:22-36)
- Returning from Judea to Galilee, ***Jesus stopped briefly in Samaria***, where he revealed himself to a woman by a well and others who confessed that Jesus was the Savior of the world. (4:1-45)
- ***Jesus healed the son of an official from Capernaum*** and consequently the man and his household believed. (4:46-53)
- Visiting Jerusalem, ***Jesus healed a man by the pool***; the Jews persecuted him because he did so on the Sabbath (5:1-16)

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- ***The Jews hated Jesus for calling God his father.*** (5:17-18)
- ***Jesus explained his relationship with God*** as being a bond of perfect love and unity. Those who reject Jesus, do so because they have already rejected the Father. (5:19-44)
- Back in Galilee, Jesus crossed to the eastern side of the lake where, using five loaves and two small fish, ***he miraculously fed 5,000 men*** and their families. (6:1-13)
- ***Miraculously walking on water, he*** crossed back to the west side of the lake, where the crowd found him. (6:14-25)

# Review

- Jesus told the crowd that they were following him for the wrong reasons. Rather than looking for earthly rewards, they should believe in Jesus and understand the salvation and eternal life he alone provided (6:26-29).

# Review – Last Week's Lesson

- ***The crowd asked Jesus to verify his claims*** concerning himself by performing some ***more miracles***, possibly by sending ***manna from heaven***. (6:30-31)
- Jesus reminded them that manna had been sent not by Moses but by God, whom Jesus calls his father, and that ***God had recently sent something better than manna***, something which Jesus describes as the ***true bread from heaven which gives life to the world***. (6:32-33)
- Jesus makes it clear he was referring to ***himself***. (6:34-35)



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- ***Not everyone***, but ***all whom the Father gives***, shall come to Jesus, believe in Jesus, and be saved. (6:35-37)
- Such is the will of God: that all who believe in Jesus shall have ***eternal life*** and ***be raised up*** on the last day. (6:38-40)
- The Jews in Galilee (where Jesus grew up) ***grumbled***, because they knew Jesus and his family, and yet he was saying that he came down from heaven. (6:41-42)
- Jesus said that ***nobody could believe in him except those who had been drawn to him and taught by God***. (6:43-45)

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- God gives/draws men to Christ and not to himself directly.

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- This would sustain them physically for a time, as it had their fathers, but it would not confer eternal life.

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- We are still left with a figure of speech “eating Jesus” the literal equivalent of which has not been openly explained.

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  - Creation
  - Incarnation
  - Teaching
  - Passion
  - **Crucifixion**
  - Resurrection
  - Ascension
  - Parousia

# Discussion

- How do we “eat this?”
  - Word
  - Spirit
  - Believe
  - Submit

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- How does this save us?
  - Justification
  - Sanctification

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- Drinking any blood was utterly offensive to Jews.



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- It is worth remembering that the reason why drinking the blood of animals was offensive to the Jews was because they understood that the blood contained life, which here is the very reason (figuratively) to drink the blood of Jesus.

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- Eating and drinking are the metaphor Christ has chosen.

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- Jesus says ‘munch’ on my flesh and drink my blood now or you will not have eternal life and I will not raise you up.

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