

Jesus and the Jews

John 6:41-59





Synagogue at Capernaum

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Summary: the Jews at the synagogue in Capernaum took offense at the idea that someone whose father and mother they knew could claim to be the bread out of heaven.



Jesus' Reply

6:43-51

No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me **draws** him; and I will raise him up on the last day (v. 44).



No one can come to Me . . .

- Isaiah 53: 6, *All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way...*
- Romans 3:10-11, *There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God...*
- Ephesians 2:1-2, *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air...*

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“The responsibility of men and women in the matter of coming to Christ is not overlooked...but none at all would come unless divinely persuaded and enabled to do so.”

--F. F. Bruce



Jesus' Reply

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*I am the living bread that came down out of heaven, if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is **My flesh** (v. 51).*



Jesus' Reply (6:43-51)

Summary: Jesus said three basic things:

- (1) the Father continues to draw people to salvation;**
- (2) the fathers ate manna and died but Jesus is the bread out of heaven that gives life;**
- (3) Jesus will die for the life of the world.**

The Jews Argued (6:52)



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Summary: the Jews argued strongly amongst themselves as to what Jesus could possibly mean by giving His flesh to eat.



Jesus' Answer

(6:53-59)

Verse 47

Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

Verse 53

Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

Jesus' Answer

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<i>Verse</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Object</i>	<i>Result</i>
v. 40	behold & believe	the Son	eternal life & res.
v. 54	eat & drink	My flesh/blood	eternal life & res.

Augustine, “Believe, and thou hast eaten.”

Jesus' Answer

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Summary: Jesus' response to the Jews' argument about eating His flesh was to insist on it, along with drinking His blood in order to obtain eternal life and to abide in Christ.

Throughout, the Jews continued to understand Jesus at a material level when, in fact, Jesus was speaking of the need to consume Him by faith!

Conclusion

Jesus' response to the Jews arguing and complaining about Jesus being from heaven and giving His flesh to eat and blood to drink was to...

- 1. Insist on the Father's sovereignty in salvation**
- 2. Clearly state that belief in Jesus brings eternal life**
- 3. Illustrate in an offensive way (to those who would offend Him on the cross) that partaking of Jesus' death by faith is the only way to life.**

How does this apply to us?

- 1. Stand for the truth!**
- 2. Do the possible; leave the impossible to God!**
- 3. Entrust your life to Jesus Christ!**

