

# *Bread from Heaven*

*A Study of John 6:1-71*



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## Things Troubling The Church?



- ◆ **Materialism** – material things over spiritual – (Mat. 6:19-34; 1 Tim 6:5)
- ◆ **Worldliness** – a mindset focused on the passing pleasures of sin – (Heb. 11:24-27; 2 Tim. 3:1-9)
- ◆ **Worldly Wisdom** – thoughts and actions governed by the carnal mind rather than things spiritual, (revelation). (Prov 14:12; Is. 55:8,9; Rom 8:1,2; 2 Pet 2:1-4)

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- ◆ **Lack of Faith** - (lack of trust in, and lack of dependence upon God and His Word)
- ◆ **Misplaced values** - (Mat 6:19-21)
- ◆ **Lack of focus** - (Mat 6:22,23)
- ◆ **Divided hearts** - (Mat 6:24-34)
- ◆ **Ignorance** - (Hos. 4:6; Rom 10:17)
- ◆ **Prosperity** - (1 Tim. 6:6-12)
- ◆ **False teachers** - (2 Pet. 2:1-22; )

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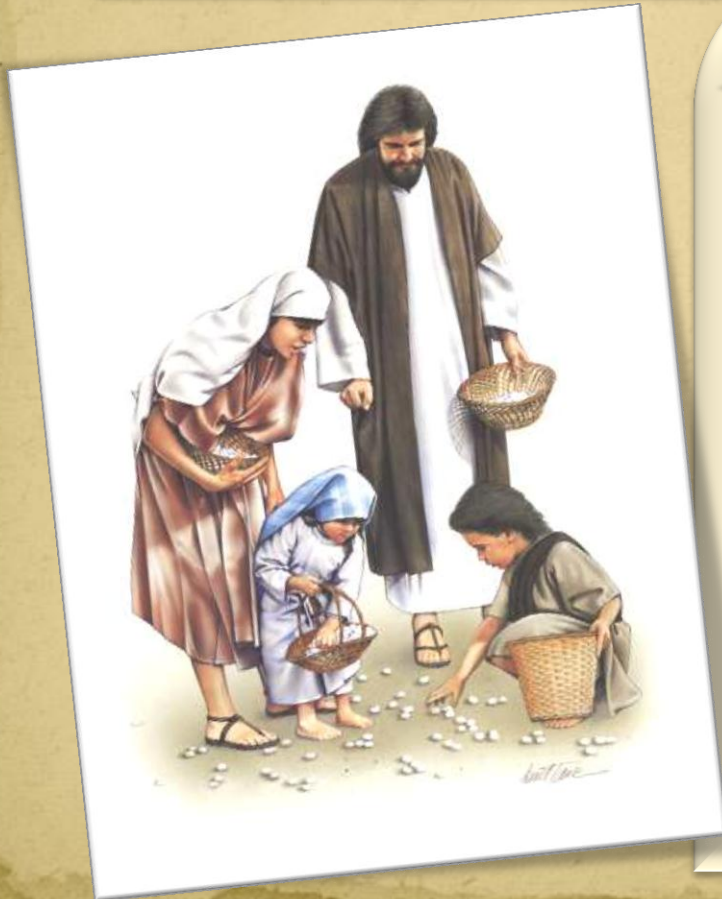
## Familiar Events In John 6:1-21



- ◆ **Jesus feeds 5,000** - 6:1-14; Mk. 6:34; Luke 9:11
- ◆ **Jesus refuses earthly throne** - 6:15; 18:36
- ◆ **Jesus walks on water** - 6:16-21; Mat 14:25,26; Mark 6:49;

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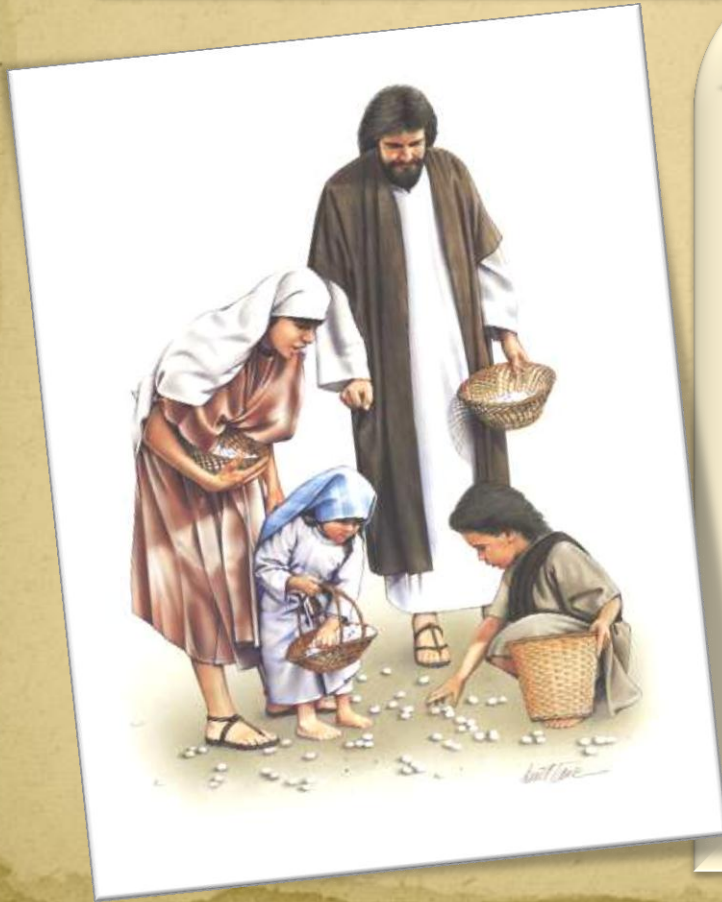
## Request & Rebuke – (6:22-40)



- ✦ **Many followed Jesus because they **THOUGHT** He offered material reward – (22-27)**
  - ❖ Many sought for Jesus – 22-25
  - ❖ Had food on their mind- 26
  - ❖ True and necessary food is NOT physical food, but the spiritual food found in Jesus' words - 6:27; Mat 6:22-33; 1 Thes. 4:11,12; Phil. 2:12; 2 Pt. 1:10, 11; 1 Pet 2:2

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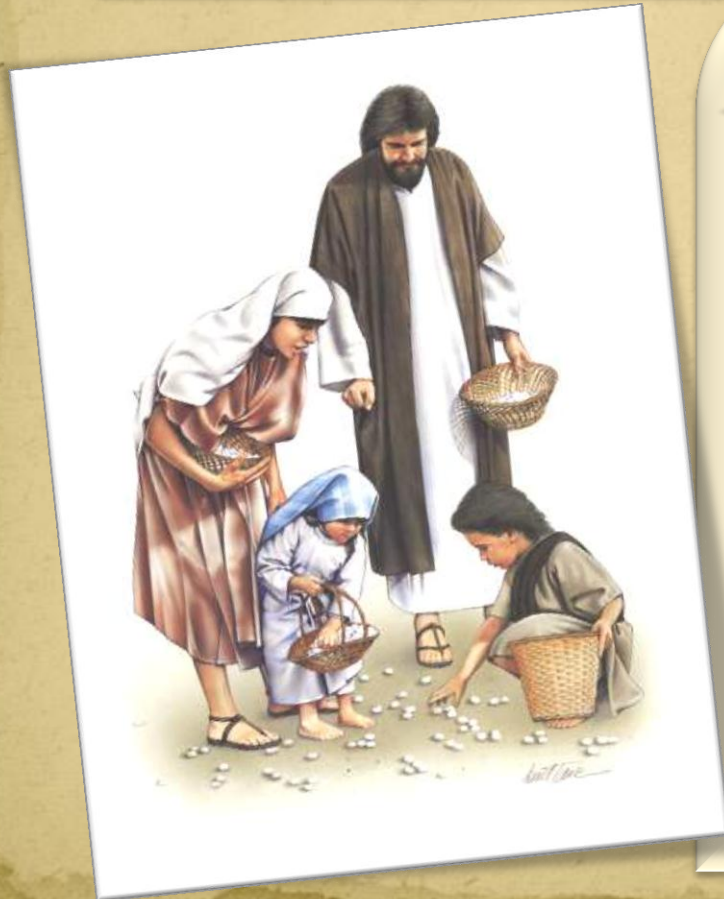
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- ◆ **Many demanded a sign, (food), before they would believe in Jesus – (28-31)**
  - ❖ The “work of God” is the evidence God has provided that all may believe in Jesus – (28,29; 20:30,31; Heb. 2:1-4; 11:1; 12:1,2)
  - ❖ Belief is something we must do – thus a work – (Jn 8:24; Acts 17:11,12; Rom 10:17)

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## Request & Rebuke – (6:22-40)



### ◆ Jesus rebukes & exposes their materialistic idea – (32-40)

- ❖ Physical food is not man's greatest need! (32,49)
- ❖ The true food from heaven is NOT physical food – (33,34)
- ❖ Jesus is the true food from heaven – (34; 1:1-3,14; Phili 2:5-10; Heb. 1:1-3)

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## Jews Reject Jesus – (6:41-59)



- ◆ **The Jew's grumble about Jesus' claim that He came down from heaven – (41,42)**
  - ❖ They recognized this claim as a claim of pre-existence and deity! (41; 10:31-39; 19:7)
  - ❖ Since they knew His father and mother, they rejected His claim – (42; Mat 13:55,56; Mark 6:3)

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## Jews Reject Jesus – (6:41-59)



◆ **Jesus rebukes them for their rejection of the scriptures which testify of Him – (43-51)**

- ❖ No man can believe in Jesus unless they are drawn by the Father to Him – (How?)
- ❖ They rejected Moses, scripture, and John, therefore they could not be drawn to Jesus - (44,45; 5:31-35, 44-47)

# Things Not In John Six!

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**John 6:44-45 (NKJV)**

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<sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, '*And they shall all be taught by God.*' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.



Divine Overpowering  
or Tampering With  
The Human Will



Election That Excludes  
Individual Volition



A Direct Manipulation  
of The Human Heart



Inherent Inability To  
Choose Saving Faith

# How Does God Draw?

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*'And they shall all be taught by God.'* –  
(Isaiah 54:13)

Scripture  
and the  
Works of  
Christ Are  
the ONLY  
Means Used  
By God To  
Draw Men  
To His Son!

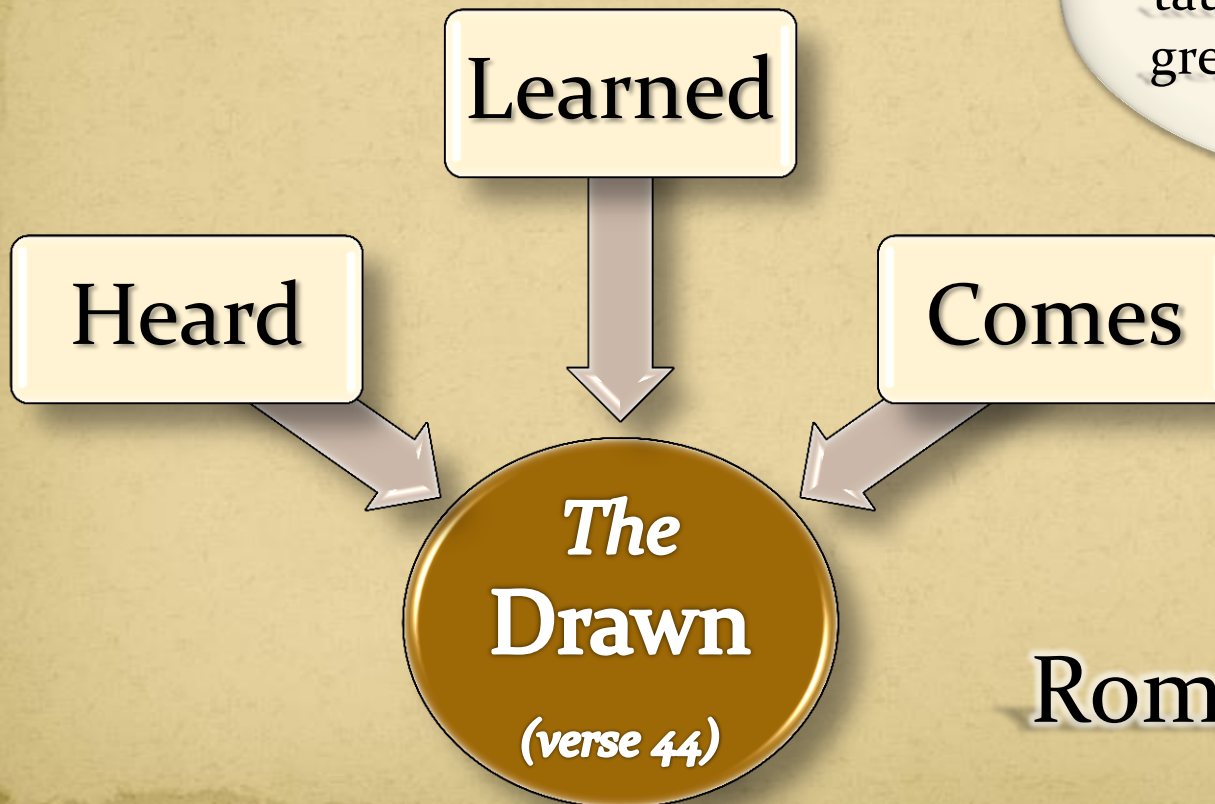
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# How Does God Draw? <sup>12</sup>

*'And they shall all be taught  
by God.'* – (Isaiah 54:13)

Isaiah 54:13 (NKJV)  
<sup>13</sup> All your children *shall be*  
taught by the LORD, And  
great *shall be* the peace of  
your children.



Romans 10:14-17

# How Does God Give?

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*'And they shall all be taught  
by God.'* – (Isaiah 54:13)

**"SEES"**  
(6:40)

Learned

**Believes**  
(6:40)

Heard

Comes

**The  
Given**

*Verse 37*

John 5:34; 6:63,68  
(NKJV)

... I have **said these things** that you may be saved.

6:63 ... The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

6:68 ... "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have **the words** of eternal life.

John 10:25-29

# How Does God Grant?<sup>14</sup>

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(verse 65)

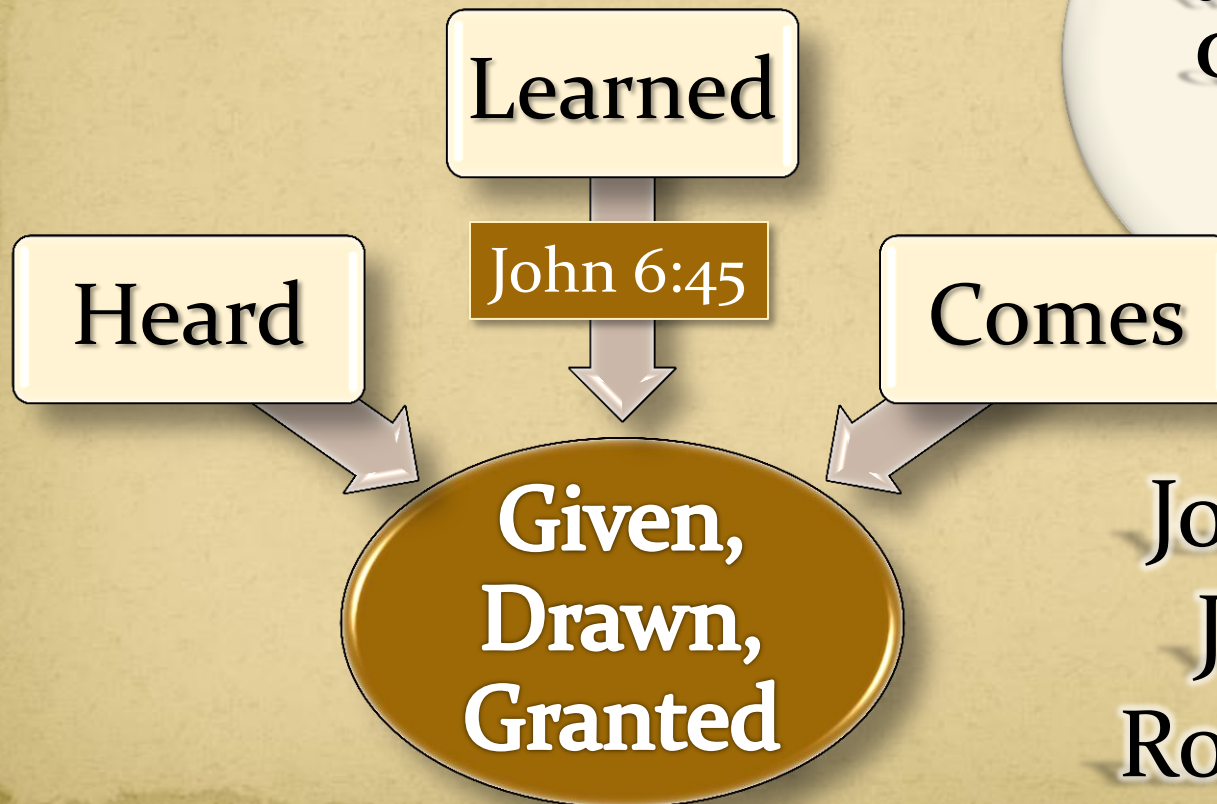
Not everyone  
will HEAR &  
LEARN thus  
they CANNOT  
come

John 1:12;  
1 Pet. 1:22-25

# The Given, Drawn, Granted<sup>15</sup>

*'And they shall all be taught  
by God.'* – (Isaiah 54:13)

Those who  
refuse to hear  
the testimony of  
God do not have  
the right or  
privilege to  
come!!!



John 1:11,12;  
John 7:17  
Romans 6:16

# Things In John 6

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God Gives Those Who Believe To His Son



God Draws Men To His Son By Teaching Them



God Grants the privilege of coming to Christ if they believe



All Who Come Are Drawn By His Word

# No One Can Come To Me

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## Who Rejects The Testimony Of The Father – John 5

John 5:34 (NKJV)

<sup>34</sup> . . . but I say these  
things that you may  
be saved.

- ✦ **Who reject John – 5:31-35**
- ✦ **Who reject the works which fulfilled the prophetic scripture – 5:36**
- ✦ **Who does not have God's word abiding in his heart – 5:37,38**
- ✦ **Who reject the testimony of scripture – 5:39,40**
- ✦ **Who do not respect the Fathers authority – 43,44**
- ✦ **Who do not believe Moses' writings – 5:45-47**

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## Jews Reject Jesus – (6:41-59)



- ◆ **Jesus reiterates His claim** (He was from heaven) – (46-51),
  - ❖ *He was from the Father –has seen the Father - 46;*
  - ❖ *The source of everlasting life for those who believe - 47*
  - ❖ *The bread of life – 48*
  - ❖ *The limited nature of physical food and the eternal value of the bread from heaven – 49-51*

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## Jews Reject Jesus – (6:41-59)



- ◆ **Jesus's language offensive to the Jews** - (the bread I shall give is my flesh) – (52),
  - ❖ *How can this man give us His flesh to eat?- 52*
  - ❖ *Failure to understand figurative language – (many have this problem today, [Daniel, prophets, Matthew 24; Revelation – Not Lord's supper])*

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- ◆ **No life unless one eats the flesh and drinks the blood of Jesus - (53-59),**
  - ❖ *Eternal life – will raise him up at the last day – (54; 5:28,29)*
  - ❖ *Abides in Jesus and Jesus abides in him – (55,56; 15:1-8; 1 John 3:24-4:6)*
  - ❖ *Believers will live forever because of Jesus – (57,58)*

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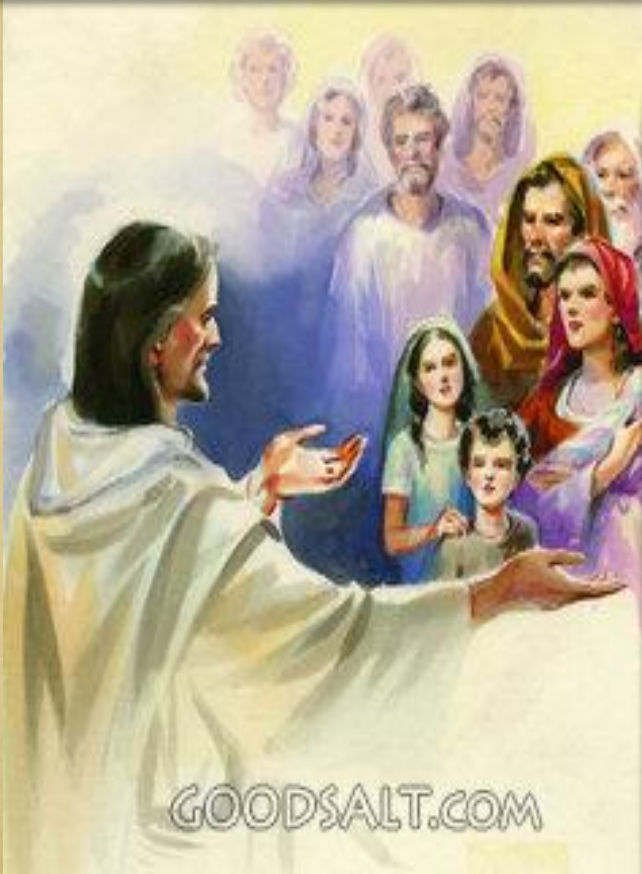


◆ **Eat flesh & drink blood = believes and comes - 6:53-59**

- ❖ *Hears & believes = everlasting life – from death to life - 5:24*
- ❖ *Comes = never hunger / believe = never thirst = eternal life, 6:35*
- ❖ *See & believe = eternal life, 6:40*
- ❖ *Hears, learns & comes = believes in Me = eats of this bread = eternal life - 6:43-51*

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## Rejection & Reception – (6:60-71)

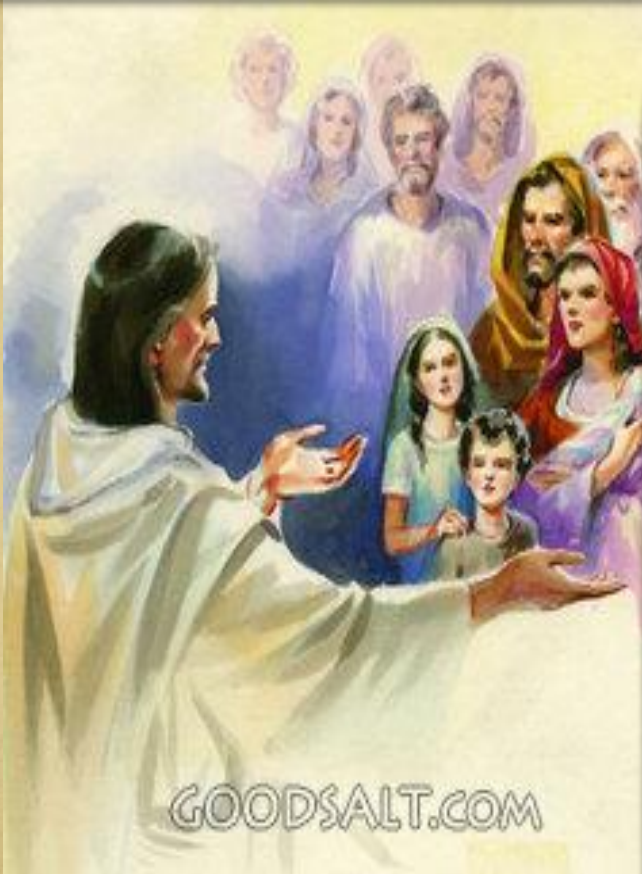


### ◆ **Most turned away - 6:60-66**

- ❖ *Hard saying - who can understand it? - 60*
- ❖ *The words of Jesus caused many to stumble - 61*
- ❖ *Would the resurrection change their minds? - 62*
- ❖ *Life-giving words – Jesus' words ARE SPIRIT & LIFE - 6:63 – (eat & drink = hear / believe / come*

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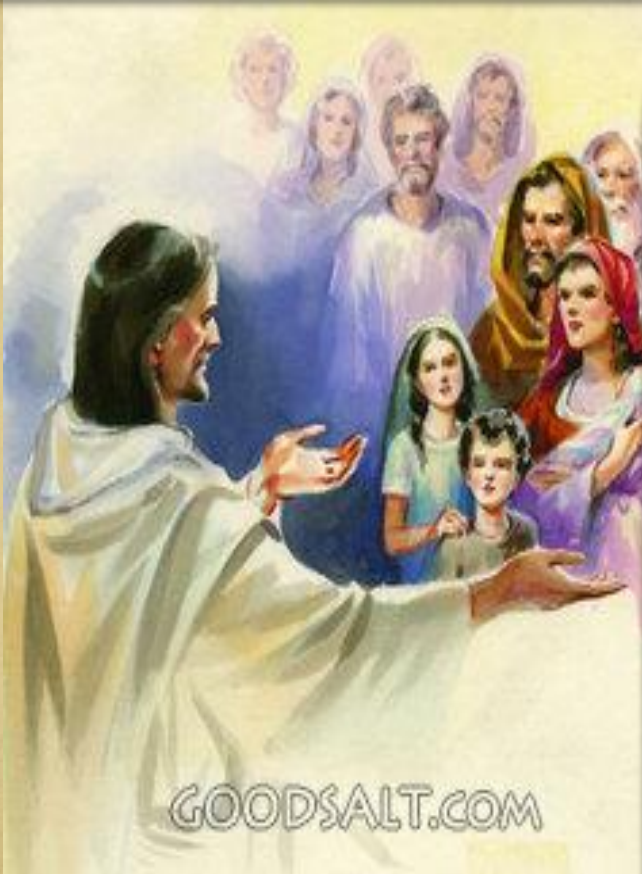


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- ❖ *To believe or not is a choice – the truth is often not easy to accept! - 6:64; 2 Thes 2:10-12*
- ❖ *“Granted” = those who believe, those who do not, have no right to life - 6:65, vv. 44, 45; 1:12*
- ❖ *Many turned away and walked with Him no more - 6:66, Mt. 7:13, 14; 1 Cor 1:18-25;*

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## Rejection & Reception – (6:60-71)



### ◆ **Few stayed w/ Jesus, 6:67-71**

- ❖ *We must choose - 6:67*
- ❖ *You have a choice as to who your Lord will be - 68*
- ❖ *The Words of Jesus are the words of life – all other words are the words of death! - 6:68*
- ❖ *The TRUTH – Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, 6:69*
- ❖ *There are fake disciples – 70,71*

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*There's Only One Hope For You!!!!*

**John 6:53 (NKJV)**

**<sup>53</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you."**

**John 8:24 (NKJV)**

**<sup>24</sup> Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."**

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**Mark 16:15-16 (NKJV)**

**<sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.**

**<sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.**

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## Isaiah 55:1-11 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend money for *what* is not bread, And your wages for *what* does not satisfy?

## Isaiah 55:1-11 (NKJV)

Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what* is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you-- The sure mercies of David.

## Isaiah 55:1-11 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. <sup>5</sup> Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."

## Isaiah 55:1-11 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

**Isaiah 55:1-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

**Isaiah 55:1-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> "For as the rain comes down,  
and the snow from heaven, And  
do not return there, But water the  
earth, And make it bring forth  
and bud, That it may give seed to  
the sower And bread to the eater,

Isaiah 55:1-11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.