

Series: Life to the Full; *Sermon:* **The Words of Eternal Life**
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Bible text explored: John 6:60–71

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” ⁷⁰Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.” ⁷¹He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him. [ESV]

Review and application:

1. What superficial attractions had at first drawn “many of his disciples” (v. 60) to throng after Jesus? (See *John 6:26-27*.)
Why are people who realistically grapple with hard truths more credible than those who give simple “sound bite” solutions?
2. If taken in the literal physical sense, what was shocking and offensive to his hearers about the language (in *John 6:53-58*) that Jesus had just used? (See *Gen. 9:4*.)
But how (v.63) did Jesus make clear he was talking about spiritual sustenance?
3. What (v. 64) is the essential aspect of the spiritual eating and drinking that Jesus requires?
Why (v. 65) is saving faith impossible unless it’s been sovereignly granted?
How does this square with *John 3:16*?
4. What results did Jesus’ straight talk produce (vv. 66-67)?
5. As a source for eternal hope (vv. 68-69), what alternatives did Peter see to “the Holy One of God”? (See *Ps. 16:10-11*, quoted by him in *Acts 2:27-28*.)
6. Is it possible (vv. 70-71) to be regularly exposed to Jesus’ “words of eternal life,” and yet not be drawn (*John 6:44*) by the Father?
7. Why must the practice of feeding on the Bread of Life be a continuous activity?