



## November 8, 2015 | John 6:41-71

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In the second half of John chapter 6, Jesus continues to offer Himself as the Bread of Heaven that leads to eternal life.

### Read John 6:41-47.

[Q] Why were the Jews grumbling? What was their objection to Jesus?

[Q] Do you know of anyone who thinks they know about Jesus but have not actually read about Him in Scripture? What is it about Jesus that people sometimes find difficult to understand or believe?

[Q] From verses 37, 40 and 44-45, list what Jesus explains only the Father can do. After making the list, discuss the comfort and security these truths can offer.

*Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. John 6:47 (NIV)*

### Read John 6:48-59.

[Q] Compare and contrast the two breads mentioned in verses 48-51 and 58.

[Q] According to each verse below, what does “eating Jesus’ flesh and drinking His blood” provide?

Verse 53

Verse 54

Verse 56

[Q] Compare 6:54 to 6:40 (below). What do you think Jesus is trying to say with this metaphor of flesh and blood?

John 6:54

*Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.* (ESV)

John 6:40

*For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.* (ESV)

“Here we have another example in John’s Gospel of the people misunderstanding a spiritual truth by treating it literally (see John 2:19–21; 3:4; 4:11). All Jesus said was, “Just as you take food and drink within your body and it becomes a part of you, so you must receive Me within your innermost being so that I can give you life.”

— Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*

[Q] In verse 56, Jesus speaks of life in the present tense. What is this abiding/remaining Jesus speaks of? Have you experienced this yourself? Please explain.

## Read John 6:60-71.

[Q] According to John 6:60, 66-67, not just the Jews in general but even many of the disciples found Jesus’ teaching hard. What were the reasons they found it difficult?

[Q] How might people today – or even we – find Jesus’ teaching hard?

[Q] Re-read Jesus’ question and Peter’s powerful response in 6:67-69. What does Peter *believe* and how does he help clarify the meaning of that word?

[Q] How can we help people get to know the real Jesus?

## Pray

...for opportunities to BLESS people who need Jesus:

**B**egin with prayer, **L**isten, **E**at with, **S**erve, **S**hare your Story with those God has put in your life.

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