APPROPRIATING THE BREAD OF LIFE: BREAD OF LIFE, PART 2 (John 6:51-59)

I. Jesus' PRONOUNCEMENT (John 6:51)

- A. "I am the LIVING BREAD that came down out of HEAVEN"
- B. Whoever EATS this bread will LIVE FOREVER
- C. "The bread that I will give is MY FLESH"
- D. He would GIVE this bread "for the life of the WORLD"

II. The Jews' PERPLEXITY (John 6:52)

- A. The ARGUED with one another
- B. Taken LITERALLY, His statement was NONSENSE

III. Jesus' PROMISES (John 6:53-59)

- A. "Unless you EAT [His] FLESH and DRINK [His] BLOOD, you have NO LIFE in yourselves"
- B. "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood HAS ETERNAL LIFE"
- C. "I will RAISE HIM UP on the last day"
 - Therefore, eating His flesh and drinking His blood is synonymous with BEHOLDING the Son and BELIEVING in Him (vv. 39, 40, 44)

- 2. Calling His flesh and blood "TRUE food" and "TRUE drink" indicates meaning beyond the TEMPORAL and PHYSICAL
- D. "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood ABIDES IN ME, and I IN HIM"
 - 1. He is speaking of our UNION with Him
 - 2. He is the AGENT of the "LIVING Father"
 - 3. He possesses the LIFE of the Father
 - 4. BELIEVERS then have LIFE through the Son