

RESPONDING TO THE BREAD OF LIFE: *BREAD OF LIFE, PART 3*
(John 6:60-71)

- I. The Reaction of the FALSE Disciples (John 6:60-66)
 - A. They found Jesus' words UNACCEPTABLE
 - B. Jesus knew they STUMBLED over the TRUTH
 - C. Jesus asked "What if" they were to WITNESS His ASCENSION
 - 1. May mean they'd be MORE OFFENDED
 - 2. May mean they'd BELIEVE Him then
 - D. Jesus identified the SPIRIT as the source of ETERNAL LIFE (cf. 6:53-58)
 - 1. They could not obtain it through their FLESH
 - 2. Jesus' WORDS "are SPIRIT and LIFE"
 - E. Jesus knew who did NOT BELIEVE and who would BETRAY Him
 - F. Jesus explained, "NO ONE can come to Me unless it has been GRANTED him from the Father" (cf. 6:39, 44-45)
 - 1. They were RESPONSIBLE for REFUSING to believe
 - 2. They were INCAPABLE of CHOOSING to believe
 - G. At this, many LEFT and stopped FOLLOWING Him
- II. The Reaction of the TRUE Disciples (John 6:67-71)
 - A. Jesus asked the Twelve to DECLARE their LOYALTY
 - B. Peter AFFIRMED their genuine FAITH

1. Identified Jesus as “LORD”
 2. Asked to whom they SHOULD GO
 3. Confessed that Jesus’ WORDS gave ETERNAL LIFE
 4. Affirmed their FAITH and CONFIDENCE that Jesus is “the HOLY ONE
of God”
- C. Jesus stated that He’d CHOSEN them as His Apostles, yet one of them was “a
DEVIL”

III. People RESPOND to Jesus in One of Three Ways

- A. Most REJECT Jesus from the START
- B. Many FOLLOW Jesus TEMPORARILY
 1. They leave when they understand His CLAIMS for HIMSELF
 2. They leave when they discover His DEMANDS upon THEM
- C. A few COMMIT themselves to Jesus in GENUINE FAITH