

## John 6:41-51

**John 6:41-43** – *“(41) The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. (42) And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? (43) Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.”*

A. This is not the only time the Jews murmured [grumbled; complained] at Jesus (**Luke 15:1-2, Luke 19:1-10, and John 7:12**).

1. Those that murmur against our Lord have impure motives (**Jude 16**).
2. As Jesus instructed (v. 43), we should never murmur (**Philippians 2:14**).
3. The Lord does not react favorably to complainers (**Numbers 11:1**).

B. Their reasoning against our Lord being from above was that Jesus had earthly parents (**Matthew 13:53-58 and Mark 6:1-6**).

1. They should have known the Messiah would have an earthly family (**Isaiah 7:13-14, Micah 5:2-3, and Matthew 1:18-2:6**).
2. Yet, we know that the Jews did not study the Scriptures aright to look for their true Savior (**Matthew 22:29 and John 5:36-39**).

**John 6:44-46** – *“(44) No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. (45) It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. (46) Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.”*

A. It could be easy to twist this text into the popular “I was literally called by God” doctrine. Yet, the context bears that God draws us through teaching (v. 45).

1. The saved are called by the Gospel (**II Thessalonians 2:14**).
2. We are established through the preaching of the Gospel (**Romans 16:25**).
3. Without the preaching of the Gospel, no one could have faith or be saved (**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:47, Romans 1:16, Romans 10:14-17, and I Corinthians 1:18-21**).
4. Those who really have learned of the Father come to Jesus (**John 8:42**).

B. No man has ever seen God the Father (**I John 4:12**).

1. This disproves the old “I saw God” error as no earthly man can see God and live (**Exodus 33:20**).
2. Jesus is the only “eye witness” of God the Father (**John 1:18**).

**John 6:47-51** – *“(47) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. (48) I am that bread of life. (49) Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. (50) This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. (51) I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he*

*shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."*

A. Faith in Christ is necessary for salvation (**John 3:36, John 5:24, and II Thessalonians 2:12**).

1. No one, who has come to know sin, can be saved without coming through Christ (**John 14:6, Acts 4:10-12, and I John 5:12-13**).

2. Jesus empowers us to become the children of God (**John 1:11-14**).

B. For the Jews, they needed to understand that the legacy of their forefathers was not enough to save them (**Acts 13:33-39**).

1. The Jews loved to look backwards (**John 8:39 and John 9:28-29**).

2. However, they refused to look backwards enough to see that everything they were clinging to pointed to Jesus (**Galatians 3:13-24**).