

## John 6:59-65

**John 6:59-62** – *“(59) These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum. (60) Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? (61) When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? (62) What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?”*

A. Some are not able to hear “hard sayings” (**Hebrews 5:11-6:2**).

1. Some are too carnally minded to hear anything of truth, let alone the hard sayings (**Romans 8:4-8, I Corinthians 3:1-3, and I Peter 2:1-2**).
2. Some simply cannot hear the truth at all (**Jeremiah 6:10 and John 8:39-45**).
3. Others cannot hear because they haven’t properly prepared themselves to learn (**Ezra 7:10; cf. Matthew 13:15 and Acts 7:51**).

B. If they thought what they heard was hard, what would they think at the ascension of Christ (**Acts 1:9-11**)?

1. One should not be offended [caused to stumble] by anything Jesus teaches or did (**Luke 7:19-23**).
2. True seekers are not the ones who are offended by the Lord (**I Corinthians 1:23 and I Peter 2:5-9**).

**John 6:63** – *“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”*

A. Jesus now makes the point that He is talking about spiritually partaking of Him rather than literally eating His flesh (**Hebrews 3:14 and II Peter 1:3-4**).

1. Physically, we are living because of our spirit rather than our flesh (**Genesis 2:7, I Corinthians 15:45, and James 2:26**).
2. Spiritually, our flesh does not make us alive either (**Romans 8:13, Romans 13:14, II Corinthians 4:16-18, Galatians 5:24-25, and I Peter 2:11**).
3. We are to consume the words of our Lord (**Jeremiah 15:16**) as they instruct our spirit (**Job 32:8**).

B. The words of our Lord give life (**Psalms 119:50, Psalms 119:93, John 5:24, John 6:68, Acts 13:48, and II Timothy 1:10**).

1. The words of Christ bring about one’s spiritual birth (**James 1:18 and I Peter 1:22-25**).
2. Our Lord and His words are known as the “word of life” (**Acts 5:20, Philippians 2:16, and I John 1:1**).

**John 6:64-65** – *“(64) But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. (65) And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.”*

- A. Some were with Jesus, but did not believe Him (**Mark 16:14** and **John 8:23-24**).
  - 1. He knew this from the beginning (**I Samuel 16:7**, **Jeremiah 17:9-10**, **Matthew 9:1-4**, **John 2:24-25**, **Acts 15:18**, and **II Timothy 2:19**).
  - 2. Jesus knows who will betray Him (**John 6:70-71**).
- B. No man can come to Jesus except it was given unto Him of the father (**John 6:44-45**).
  - 1. To be one of the sheep one has to hear and obey the Shepherd (**John 10:16; 26-27**).
  - 2. The invitation to come to Christ is given to all (**Revelation 22:17**; cf. **Matthew 28:19**, **Mark 16:15-16**, **Luke 24:47**, **John 3:17**, and **I Timothy 2:4**).