

## John 6:66-71

**John 6:66-67** – *“(66) From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. (67) Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?”*

- A. Many turned back because they were never really there (**I John 2:19**).
  - 1. Those who turned back didn’t belong anyway (**Luke 9:57-62**).
  - 2. People starting to obey the Lord and deciding to turn back will always be a problem (**Galatians 1:6-7, Galatians 3:1, II Timothy 1:15, II Timothy 4:10, and II Peter 2:20-22**).
- B. Jesus asked a rather sad question, “Will ye also go away?”
  - 1. It had been the pattern of God’s people to forsake their Lord (**Judges 10:10-14, II Chronicles 29:6, Isaiah 1:4, Jeremiah 2:13, Jeremiah 5:19, Jeremiah 15:6, and Matthew 23:34-37**).
  - 2. Walking with the Lord is more than a physical stroll (**Colossians 1:10, I John 1:7, and I John 2:3-6**).

**John 6:68-69** – *“(68) Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. (69) And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

- A. Peter’s answer is wonderful, for there is no other source of salvation than Christ (**Acts 4:10-12**).
  - 1. Jesus is the way to the Father (**John 14:6**).
  - 2. If you do not have the Son you don’t have life (**I John 5:11-12**).
  - 3. You certainly cannot have the salvation that is in Christ without the word of God (**John 5:39-40 and II Timothy 3:15**).
- B. Some were “sure” that Jesus is the Christ (**John 17:6-8**).
  - 1. They still were unsure of a great number of things (**Matthew 28:16-17**).
  - 2. Those things they still needed to learn were going to be provided to them (**John 16:12-14**).

**John 6:70-71** – *“(70) Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? (71) He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.”*

- A. Jesus shows that there is a worker of Satan among the twelve (**Luke 22:3 and John 13:2; cf. Mark 4:15, Acts 5:3, and John 8:44**).
  - 1. Jesus allowed Judas to be numbered with the twelve so that the Scriptures could be fulfilled (**John 13:18 and John 17:12; cf. Psalms 41:9**).
  - 2. This is a reminder to us that those among us could be playing for the other team (**Matthew 7:15-20 and Jude 3-4**).
- B. Judas is the betrayer (**Matthew 26:14-25; 47-50**).