

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 6:60-71

The Test of True Discipleship

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⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble? ⁶² What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. ⁶⁵ And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."

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⁶⁶ As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God." ⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, "Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?" ⁷¹ Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

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THE OFFENSE OF "THE MANY"

a) Jesus increases the offense of "the many" by pointing them to the greater stumbling block – the cross (vv.61-62)

➤ Our response to the reality of the cross determines our eternal destiny

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THE OFFENSE OF "THE MANY"

b) Jesus reveals why some believe – a Trinitarian work (vv.63-65)

- Those who believe have trusted in the words of *Jesus*, have been drawn by the *Father* and have been given life by the *Spirit*

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c) The offensive nature of the words of Jesus caused many to withdraw from following him – proving they were not true disciples (v.66)

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THE BELIEF OF THE 12**Peter's Confession** (vv.68-69)

- Peter recognizes Jesus' words are life-giving because Jesus is God

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THE BELIEF OF THE 12**Judas' Betrayal** (vv.64, 70-71)

- The presence of Judas among the 12 teaches us the danger of spiritual association as a substitute for spiritual transformation

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