

Hard Sayings  
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**3** For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, **4** and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 2 Timothy 4:3-4

**1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1

**15** "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. Matthew 7:15

**11** And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. Matthew 24:11

When the disciple heard it, they said, "This is hard saying; who can listen to it?" John 6:60

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." John 6:53

"Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." John 6:54

## **I. THE DISCIPLES THAT TURNED AWAY**

**60** When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" John 6:60

**61** But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? **62** Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" John 6:61-62

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made Him known. John 1:18

**18** For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." 1 Corinthians 1:18-19

**23** but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 1 Corinthians 1:23

**63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. **64** But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) John 6:63-64

*5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:5-6*

*12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 1 Corinthians 2:12*

*14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14*

- **Easy to accept a teaching here or there from Jesus but to enter into a covenant relationship with Him - becoming a new spiritual person is difficult.**

*64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." John 6:64-65*

- **Many will walk away today - not because Jesus lacks grace, but because they don't like what He has to say.**

*3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 2 Timothy 4:3-4*

Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God I come, I come

*66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. John 6:66*

## **II. THE DISCIPLES THAT STAYED**

*61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? John 6:61*

*67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" John 6:67*

*68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:68-69*

1) Jesus is the only one to whom we can go who has the words of eternal life

*68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,*

*31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31*

2) Belief is in Jesus

*69 we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."*

*70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." 71 He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.*

*44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:44*

### **III. THE OFFENSE OF THE GOSPEL**

*61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? John 6:61*

#### **1. THEY WANT A POWERFUL KING, NOT A SUFFERING SERVANT**

#### **2. JESUS CLAIMS THAT SALVATION IS ONLY THROUGH HIM**

- **A true disciples of Jesus Christ is offended not at the Gospel, but in his own sin.**

#### **3. JESUS CALLS US INTO A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**

*"Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."  
John 6:53*

*21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'" Matthew 7:21-23*

*40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." John 6:40*