

The Gospel of John: Light in the Darkness Salvation Comes from Faith in the Son of God, Not Merely as Lord but also as Suffering Savior; John 6:50-64--

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Exodus 33:18-20 Then Moses said, "Please, show me Your glory!" And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion to whom I will show compassion." He further said, "You cannot see My face, for mankind shall not see Me and live!"--

John 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; God the only Son, who is in the arms of the Father, He has explained Him.--

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Jesus: "Believe in Me for I am bread that gives life forever."--

Cannot forget the context of this discussion.

The crowd is following with great anticipation, but with an expectation of Jesus that is far from His purposeful mission from the Heavenly Father. This dialogue that follows is intentional in its shock from the preconceived notions of the crowd.--

Crowd: Jesus is a religious reformer, a political leader, a new kingly persona with the purpose of reinstating the historic glory of Israel.

Jesus: I am the Son of God, sent from the very presence of the Father, with the intent of laying down My life so that through My death, you may have eternal life.--

John 6:50-51 "This is the bread that comes down out of heaven, so that anyone may eat from it and not die. I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats from this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I will give for the life of the world also is My flesh."--

John 6:52 Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?"--

John 6:53-54 So Jesus said to them, "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 yourselves. The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."--

"I am not contending that we cannot apply the passage helpfully to the sacrament. However, I very strongly doubt whether this is the primary meaning. It is much better to think of the words as meaning first and foremost the appropriation of Christ."--

Bread is essential to life, so too is belief in Christ essential to eternal life. However, it is the bread that is actually offered and not the bread we wish.--

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!--

John 2:19-21 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and yet You will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking about the temple of His body.--

John 3:13-15 No one has ascended into heaven, except He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes will have eternal life in Him.--

John 8:28-29 So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am, and I do nothing on My own, but I say these things as the Father instructed Me. And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."--

John 10:11-13 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters the flock. He flees because he is a hired hand and does not care about the sheep.--

John 10:14-16 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice; and they will become one flock, with one shepherd."--

John 10:17-18 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it back. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it back. This commandment I received from My Father."--

John 12:7-8 Therefore Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me."--

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John 6:55-56 "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in him."--

John 6:57-58 "Just as the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, the one who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. This is the bread that came down out of heaven, not as the fathers ate and died; the one who eats this bread will live forever." --

John 6:59-60 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. So then many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This statement is very unpleasant; who can listen to it?"--

John 6:61-62 But Jesus, aware that His disciples were complaining about this, said to them, "Is this offensive to you? What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?"--

John 6:63-64 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh provides no benefit; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit, and are life. 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 who would betray Him. And He was saying, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."