

## Episode 1-28 - Betrayal and Eonian Life

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. After the feeding of the five thousand, those who saw it wanted to force Christ to feed them from then on! They tried to trick Him into giving them manna from heaven like in the time of Moses, but He refused, instead presenting Himself as the bread from heaven. They were not interested in this bread, but He revealed that one who eat this bread will live for the eon!

III. The Jews and the Lord. John 6:41-58.

L. V.52. They quarrel. Cannibalism=punishment of God (Lev. 26:29, Deut. 28:53-57.)

Eating is a figure for partaking (like the days of Messiah.) But never used of a person!

M. V.53. The Lord just makes it harder. Not transubstantiation, Synecdoche or Transfer.

N. V.54. HAS eternal life, but receives upon being raised. They only think of grossness.

O. V.55. He pulls no punches in driving their noses into the truth!

P. V.56. Abides in me = Opposite of real eating. There will be no condemnation for him, and the Lord will be a constant companion.

Q. V.57. The Father is source of life. The Logos lives to express the Father. One who partakes of Him will live to express Jesus Christ.

R. V.58. Sums up His teaching: He is the bread of life. To eat is to live for the eon.

IV. The disciples. John 6:59-66.

A. V.59. The synagogue is where they found Him in verse 25.

B. V.60. This saying (logos) is hard, and they express doubt they can accept it.

C. V.61. He knew their hearts. Offend = cause to stumble. Even the disciples!

D. V.62. What would seeing Him ascend to heaven cause them to do? Luke 24:51.

E. V.63. The spirit gives life through words. How? Faith! Physically following Christ was not enough. They needed to believe Him.

F. V.64. He knew some disciples did not believe! From the beginning of His ministry. Judas not the only one who did not believe. These might have betrayed Him too.

G. V.65. With the Father's help, they could have come. So it is their responsibility.

H. V.66. The sad conclusion: even many of His disciples depart! They recognized the figure He was using, but were appalled by it. If God upsets your sensibilities, will that cause you to turn away?

V. The twelve. John 6:67-71.

A. V.67. His question must have been emotional. Indicates He does not think so.

B. V.68. Peter often speaks rashly, but here rightly. The Lord then was the only one with words of eonian life! Now we have the Bible. He spoke for twelve (except Judas.)

C. V.69. John wants us to believe what Peter and the rest believed.

D. V.70. The Lord chose them. He knows Judas only feigns agreement. He should have left with the rest. But he was the treasurer, and saw a chance for gain.

E. V.71. The Lord meant Judas. Iscariot = "a man of Kerioth," in Judah. The only disciple not from Galilee. The Lord's own tribe! Son of Simon, not Peter.

VI. Conclusion: Miracles do not always produce belief. These people saw in this miracle only an opportunity for material gain, not for producing faith. The Jews saw only theological problems with what He said. His disciples could not handle the difficulty of accepting His words. Yet His twelve were faithful to Him. It is their example of faith that we should follow!