

## Words To The Disciples – [Text] (John 6: 59-65)

59. These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

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." (John 6:59-65 NASB)

## Words To The Disciples [Outline] (John 6: 59-65)

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- I. Difficult Saying of Jesus in the Synagogue at Capernaum (vv.59-60)
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## Words To The Disciples [Worksheet] (John 6:59-65)

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I. Difficult sayings of Jesus in the synagogue at Capernaum (vv.59-60)

- a. Jesus was saying these things in the \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (v.59)
- b. Jesus in Capernaum (previous verses from John's Gospel)

Scripture	Verse	Description of Event
John 2:12	"After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days."	Jesus had just turned water into wine at the marriage feast at Cana of Galilee
John 4:46	"Therefore He came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a royal official whose son was sick at Capernaum."	The healing of the noble man's son
John 6:17	"and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them."	Jesus had just fed the five thousand men (plus women and children [possibly 20,000] with five loaves of bread and two small fish and was about to walk on water
John 6:24	"So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus."	The crowd after being fed by Jesus the previous night, the next morning came looking for Jesus and the disciples wanting breakfast
John 6:59	These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.	Jesus has some "hard sayings" to understand as He speaks of "eating His flesh" and "drinking His blood" for eternal life

c. Difficult (hard) sayings of Jesus Christ (v.60)

- i. "...This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?"
  - ii. What was the difficult part of what Jesus was saying and why was it so difficult for His disciples to "listen to it?"
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- ii. Many of Jesus' disciples had the same reaction as the Jews earlier in the chapter (v.41), which is also similar to the Jews from Moses' time. Are we much different even with the complete revelation of God's Word (word)?
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- b. "It is the Spirit who give life..." (v.63)
- i. Who is it who gives life to those who "were dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. "the flesh profits nothing" is making reference to what reality of man's existence? \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." (James 2:26 NASB)
  - iv. "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28 NASB)
- c. Jesus did do exactly as He had stated before regarding Him "ascending to where He was before" (Luke 24:50-53)
- i. "And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God." (Luke 24:50-53 NASB)
  - ii. "And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11 NASB)
    1. Was this enough to make the disciples come out of the "upper room?" (Acts 1:12-13) \_\_\_\_\_
    2. What were they lacking? \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:8)
    3. How was what they were lacking provided? (Acts 1:8) \_\_\_\_\_
    4. Was this trip to "the upper room" the same as their second trip to the upper room following Jesus' crucifixion? \_\_\_\_\_ What characterized their *second* trip to the "upper room"? (John 20:19) \_\_\_\_\_

5. What characterized their *third* trip to the “upper room” (Acts 1:14) *[discussion]*

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- iii. “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.” (Matthew 16:28; Mark 9:1; Luke 9:27 NASB) *[discussion]*

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IV. Jesus Knows the Hearts of Those Who are Not His True Disciples (vv.64-65)

- a. “But there are some of you who do not believe...” (v.64)

- i. How did Jesus know that there were some who didn’t believe? (John 2:24-25)

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- ii. When did Jesus know that there were some who didn’t believe? (v.64b)

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- iii. “...Jesus knew from the beginning who did not believe” (John 2:24-25)

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- iv. Jesus also knew who it was that would betray Him (v.64c) When Jesus chose Judas was Jesus unaware that Judas would also betray Him?

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- v. Are all men who are drawn by Jesus necessarily saved? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are all those who are called also chosen? (Matt 22:14)

2. What must happen before men can be drawn to Christ? (John 12:32-33)

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- b. “...no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.” (v.65)

- i. Are all men whom the Father has “granted” ultimately saved? (the called) *[discussion]*

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- ii. Are all men whom the Father has “gifted” to the Son ultimately saved? (the chosen/elected/predestined) (John 6: 37, 40, 44; Rom. 8:29-30)

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V. Final Comments:

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- iii. The disciples were relying upon a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation of what Jesus was saying instead of a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation of what Jesus was saying

II. Jesus Knows the Hearts of His Disciples (v.61)

- a. "But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them..."
- i. Again what does this say about Jesus' ability to "discern the thoughts and the intents" of man's heart? (John 2:24-25, Heb. 4:12-13)

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- ii. Does this verse say that Jesus heard or saw them grumble? [hint: "conscious"]

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- iii. Was Jesus' response to the disciples based on **visual, physical** or **cerebral (perceptual)** evidence that Jesus had relative to the use of the word "conscious" in this verse? (v.61)

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- iv. The Jews who had been led out of Egypt had a problem with "grumbling" just like these first century Jews (Ex. 16:2)

b. "Does this cause you to stumble?"

- i. What does Jesus mean by "stumble"? (1 Peter 2:1-8)

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- ii. Did this cause you to "stumble" at some point in your life?

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- iii. Can you see, in retrospect, how this could cause others who don't know Christ or the Word of God to "stumble"?

III. Physical Evidence Pointing to Spiritual Reality (vv.62-63)

a. "What then if you see..."(v.62)

- i. Would the disciples of Jesus believe if they saw (with their own eyes) Jesus ascending back to the right hand of the Father?