

John 6:51

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Think about [John 6:51-68](#).

(Jesus said) "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ... When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ... After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

- What did Jesus say that offended many of his followers, so that they turned back and no longer walked with him?
 - How would you answer their question: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
 - Did the 12 apostles forsake Jesus? Why?
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Think about [John 6:57](#).

(Jesus said) As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.

- How did Jesus describe God, his father? Why?
[John 5:26](#) "For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself."
 - Why is Jesus alive?
[John 10:30](#) (Jesus said) "I and the Father are one."
 - Who will live because of Jesus?
 - How can one feed on Jesus?
[John 6:56](#) "Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."
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(3)

Think about [John 6:63](#).

(Jesus said) "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and [they] are life.

- Who gives God's life to believers in Jesus?
 - What kind of life, does God give?
 - How does God's spirit give us God's life?
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Jesus taught that he was the living bread that came down from heaven; everyone who eats this bread would live forever. Many of his followers said that this was too hard and offensive to believe, so they turned back and no longer followed him. So Jesus said to the twelve apostles, "Do you want to go away as well?"

Think about [John 6:68-69](#).

Peter answered him (Jesus), "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

- What did the apostles know about Jesus?
- How did they come to know that?
- Do we need to believe something is true, in order to know it is true?

[John 10:37-38](#) *"If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."*
