

I. WHO WILL HEAR?

A. Lack of Connection

1. Brother Barker and I door knocking
 - a. Apostolic Lutheran?
 - b. Eternal Security
 - c. Let me just say this: I'll only be Saved as long as God exists!
2. I came across a statistic not long ago, even put it in our invitation
 - a. 2/5th of all church goers feel NO connection with their "faith"
 - b. How can that be?
 - c. With all the churches across this great land
 - d. No connection with their "faith"
 - e. No connection with God?
3. We can see it right here in John chapter 6
 - a. He tells all those standing there that He IS the BREAD of Life
 - b. He IS better than that manna that fell from heaven in the OT
 - c. He EXEMPLIFIES the model prayer (Give us this day....)
 - i. Why?
 - ii. Because He is the Word
 - iii. John 1:1 – "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
4. Why would 40% of CHURCH GOERS have no connection with their faith?
 - a. Romans 10:17 – "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
 - b. Hebrews 11:6 – "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."
5. A DEARTH OF GOD'S WORD!

B. The People vs. The Disciples

1. Remember we spoke about this last week?
 - a. He fed at 5000, usually we say 20,000 but possibly more
 - b. It was called a "great company" in vs. 5
 - c. And He fed them – They ate AS MUCH AS THEY WOULD (vs. 11)
 - d. They ate until they were FILLED (vs. 12)
 - e. Would that we would eat of the Word of God until we were filled!
 - i. Ever just not been quite hungry yet? Maybe out with visiting family or friends and they all want to go eat.
 - ii. Oh, THAT restaurant! Everybody talks about that one!
 - iii. Just doesn't really sound all that good right then...
 - iv. We can't be filled with the world or ourselves

- v. And have room for God.
 - 2. Remember, there were the People (that company)
 - a. And His disciples (vs. 24)
 - b. Then the Jews (vs. 41) since He was at the synagogue (vs. 59)
 - i. The crowd left when there was no bread
 - ii. The Jews murmured when He didn't overthrow Rome
 - iii. Now even the disciples get "offended" (vs. 60)
 - c. And finally we see the Twelve (vs. 67)
 - i. First time in the Gospel of John this term is used
 - ii. But even in that small number
 - iii. One is a devil (vs. 70)
 - d. From 20,000 to 11.
 - 3. People love to talk about "God"
 - a. As long as they get to make up their own rules about Him!
 - b. There are many who call themselves Christian in our own city
 - c. But they reject the Word of God when they hear it.
 - d. These "disciples" reject the Word of God when they heard HIM
 - e. Soup Kitchen Religion – sit through preaching as long as the food is free
- C. A Hard Saying
- 1. Who will Hear Him?
 - a. These people exclaim, who CAN hear Him?
 - b. They say the saying is "hard"
 - c. That doesn't mean difficult, it means "offensive"
 - i. Offensive / Harsh / Stern – "insufferable" or "intolerable"
 - ii. Impossible to allow to further exist
 - iii. Acts 22:22 – "And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live."
 - 2. Offensive?
 - a. Jesus knew what they were thinking (vs. 61)
 - i. He even points out that they were offended
 - ii. Then He asks "what if" (vs. 62)
 - b. If you are offended by Him coming down from Heaven
 - i. What if you see Him going UP?!?
 - ii. John 3:12 – "If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?"
 - iii. Ever hear someone say Jesus was just a "good man"?
 - iv. Or a "good teacher"? That His disciples made up stories?
 - c. They are fine with "moral teaching"
 - i. But don't you dare say this Bible is the Word of God
 - ii. Well, if that offends them
 - iii. Just wait until they see Him coming in GLORY!

- iv. Rev 19:11 – “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. (12) His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. (13) And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. (14) And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (15) And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (16) And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

II. WHO WILL BELIEVE?

A. Some Believe Not (vs. 64)

1. This was spoken not just to the crowd, but to everyone
 - a. Judas didn't believe (71)
 - b. But SOME did (vs. 69)
2. Some have a profession but no possession
3. If Good Works had Saving Power, Judas could make a case for himself
 - a. Jesus was talking about His flesh and His blood
 - b. Naturally, He was referencing the Lord's Supper, not yet instituted
 - c. If the Lord's Supper Saved, then we'd have to explain Judas
 - d. Judas probably had scriptural baptism – maybe John the Baptist
 - e. If Baptism Saved, then we'd have to explain Judas
4. Only Believe – but you say it can't be that simple.

B. Roman 10:14 – “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”

1. Ephesians 2:8 – “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”
2. Roman 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

C. The Flesh Profiteth Nothing (vs. 63)

1. Some confusion about this verse – majoring on the “spirit” side of it
 - a. People try to make this about “Holy Spirit” baptism
 - b. First of all, the Holy Spirit doesn't baptize, Jesus does
 - c. Look it up – John 1:33
 - d. Doesn't it just make more sense to know I was dead in sin?

- e. Ephesians 2:1 – “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;”
- 2. Doesn't it make sense to know that our righteousnesses are filthy rags?
- 3. John 1:12 – “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (13) Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

III. WHO WILL GO BACK?

- A. All but the Twelve went back (vs. 66-67)
 - 1. These weren't the crowd, these weren't the company, not the Jews
 - 2. These were called His “disciples”
 - 3. The ones who claimed to “follow” Him
 - 4. And they went back
- B. He was telling them to feast upon the Word
 - 1. Eat the manna from Heaven DAILY
 - 2. I think it's such a significant picture that the blood of the Passover was only applied once to the doors
 - 3. But the Manna fell from Heaven every day in the wilderness
 - 4. We only need to apply HIS blood to the door of our heart once in Salvation, but we need His Word every day to live in the wilderness of this life.
 - 5. Philippians 2:5 – “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”
- C. Don't Go BACK!
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 16:13 – “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”
 - 2. Galatians 5:1 – “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”

IV. WHO WILL GIVE LIFE?

- A. Will you also go away (vs. 67)
- B. Where will we go?
 - 1. The World doesn't have the Words of eternal life
 - 2. Science doesn't have the Words of eternal life
 - 3. Government doesn't have the Words of eternal life
 - 4. The religious crowd doesn't have the Words of eternal life
- C. Only Jesus Christ has the Words of Eternal Life
- D. He IS the Word of God

V. WHO WILL COME TO HIM?

A. Be Saved Today!