

# Many Disciples Desert Jesus

## John 6:60-71 (NIV)

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<sup>60</sup>On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"<sup>61</sup>Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!" Vs 60-62

#### **1. Why many of his disciple were grumbling about his teaching?**

- Because they did not accept his teaching.

<sup>63</sup>The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life." V63

#### **2. What does Jesus mean in verse 63?**

- Eternal life is not gained by eating flesh, but by the work of the Holy Spirit. The flesh cannot give life, only the spirit can give life.

<sup>64</sup>Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup>He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them." Vs 64-65

#### **3. Did Jesus know from the beginning that which disciple did not believe Him and would betray Him?**

- Yes, He had known from the beginning.

<sup>66</sup>From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him." V66

#### **4. What is the reaction of the disciples?**

- They rejected Jesus when He told them what they did not want to hear. They turned back and no longer followed Him.

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**There is no one else who can give eternal life to us? (Vs 67-71):**

<sup>67</sup>"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." Vs 67-69

**5. Why didn't the twelve abandon Jesus?**

- They recognized that Jesus was the only one who can offer eternal life.

**6. What will you do when tragedy strikes or difficulties arise?**

- Answer this question.

**7. Will you abandon Jesus like the disciples?**

- Answer this question.

<sup>70</sup>Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" <sup>71</sup>(He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)" Vs 70-71

**8. Has Jesus chosen the twelve?**

- Yes, he has chosen them.

**9. Why will Judas Iscariot betray Jesus later?**

- Because of the devil.

## **ETERNAL LIFE APPLICATION:**

### **How to earn our eternal life?**

**1. We need to give all our life to Jesus or nothing. (Vs 60-66).**

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Jesus did not try to talk unwilling disciples into staying with Him, nor did He make things easier for them so they would consider their relationship to Him. He wanted eager and committed followers, not fickle followers.

**2. We have to believe that only Jesus can give us eternal life. (Vs 67-71):**

As a result of his teaching, many who claimed to be his followers left. Looking at the disappearing crowds, Jesus turned to his twelve disciples and asked them if they were going to leave Him too.

Peter has the right idea when he said to Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" there was no one else; Jesus was the only one who can give eternal life.

Probably not all the disciples agreed with Peter, however, Jesus knew that Judah would later betray Him, although now Judah didn't walk away from the crowd.

Jesus wasn't looking for numbers of scalps. He did not care about fame or having huge followers. He did not want disciples who followed Him when it was convenient or when they didn't have any better to do. He wanted followers who were committed to Him wholeheartedly. I was either all or nothing.

The same is true today, Jesus wants followers who committed total to Him, not a lot of people who warm pews of the church.

How much are you like the grumbling disciples? When life gets hard and Jesus does not meet your expectations.

Do you want to walk away from Him just like His followers?

Do you want Him on your terms or his? Are you willing to follow him no matter what?