

## CONDEMNING BELIEFS ABOUT JESUS

There are Many Paths that Lead to God

John 6:43-52

Introduction / Context:

### 1. What Moves these People to Murmur?

A) They *don't* believe what Jesus is telling them (John 6:36, 40)

- > They are grumbling because Jesus claims to have come from heaven (John 6:38)
- > They say that is impossible – they know his father (Joseph) and mother (Mary) (John 6:41-42)
- > This entire discussion was precipitated by Jesus perform a miracle (John 6:1-14)
- > Jesus is certainly a great man who they will follow if He continues to provide for their needs

B) They *can't* believe what Jesus is telling them (John 6:43-44)

- > Coming to Jesus and believing in Him requires the “antecedent” work of God the Father  
He must draw those who come to Jesus (John 6:44)  
What does Jesus mean by that word, “draw” (John 18:10; 21:6, 11)
- > All that the Father gives to Jesus will come to Jesus (John 6:37)  
Jesus is aware of the sovereignty of God in salvation

### 2. What is Their Need that Jesus Addresses?

A) They need to hear God's authoritative voice

- > God spoke through His prophets (John 6:45a)
- > God is now speaking through His Son (John 6:45b; Heb 1:1-2 John 1:1-3, 12-14, 17-18)

B) They need to believe that Jesus is sent by the Father and authorized to speak for the Father

> His qualification

Jesus performs miracles (John 6:1-13)

Jesus is the only one who has seen the Father (John 6:46)

C) They need to cry out for God to be merciful toward them

> Instead, they murmur and argue among each other (John 6:41, 52)

> Instead, they will refuse to come to Jesus and believe Him (John 6:60, 66)

### 3. What does Jesus Offer to Meet Their Need?

A) Notice what Jesus does not do

> Jesus doesn't encourage them to keep trying

> Jesus doesn't encourage them to seek God on any path that seems right to them

> Jesus doesn't offer them the option of choosing any religion.

B) Jesus offers Himself – “Most assuredly I say to you” (John 6:47a)

> “He who believes in Me has everlasting life” (John 6:47)

> “I am the Bread of Life” (John 6:48)

The temporal value of the manna your fathers ate (John 6:49)

The everlasting value of the bread that Jesus is offering (John 6:50-51a)

> “The Bread I give is my Flesh and I will give my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51b)

### **APPLICATION:**

1. A major problem these “followers” of Jesus have is the authority He claims

They aren't asking Him to explain what He is saying or what He means

Rather, they are murmuring and arguing – saying that what Jesus says can't be true

2. Jesus authoritatively claims to have come to give His flesh / His life for the world

Jesus didn't come just to be an example for us of how to live– although He was and did

Jesus didn't come to be a great rabbi to teach us how to live – although He was and did

Jesus came to earth to give His flesh for the world ..... death on a cross

To pay the penalty for our sin because there was no other way to conquer sin, death, and hell