

A TURNING POINT

October 30, 2016 John 6:53-71 by Bob Branch
Believing Into Life, Part 20

BIG IDEA: Jesus calls us to trust him even when we do not understand him, and when we do something life-changing happens in us!

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

“For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.” 6:55

- **Prophecies** his atoning death for our sins.
- **Redefines the Passover** meal, into a new Exodus!
- **Defines the “Lord’s Supper”**... as real spiritual food!

1. Eternal Life comes as we FEED ON JESUS!

Mary & Martha, Luke 10:38-42

“She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said.” **Luke 10:39** Message

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!

⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.”

2. Real life is the work of GOD’S SPIRIT.

For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

“You keep investing in what counts for nothing.”

3. Take Jesus’ words into your mind and heart, and listen as the Spirit BREATHES LIFE into you through them.

The Spirit makes the words of Jesus life in you.

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Peter’s search is over.

“Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him” **Job 13:15** KJV

4. There’s something powerful about making a VERBAL CONFESSION of your trust in Jesus.