



Where will you go from here?

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JOHN 6:60-67 NKJV – (60) Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this*, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” (61) When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you? (62) *What* then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? (63) It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life. (64) But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. (65) And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.” (66) From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. (67) Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?”

Why did Jesus words cause many of His followers to desert Him?

- They may have realized that He was not going to be the conquering Messiah-King they expected.
- He refused to give in to their self-centered requests.
- He emphasized faith, not deeds.
- His teachings were too difficult to understand, and some of His words were offensive.

It is a new year. What will you do? As we grow in our faith, we may be tempted to turn away because Jesus' lessons are difficult. On the other hand, by having faith in Christ, He will make it clear to you. Will your response be to give up, ignore certain teachings or reject Christ all together? Ask God to show you what His teachings mean and apply them as He shows you.

Be encouraged and act on God's truth!

SCRIPTURE READING

JOB 23:10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Bloom where you are planted.