

**Key Scripture** 

53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54 *Whoever <u>eats My flesh and drinks My blood</u> has eternal life*, and I will raise him up at the last day.

#### People want Jesus as prophet & king...

John 6:14-15 NLT

14 When the people saw Him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, <u>He is the Prophet</u> we have been expecting!" 15 When Jesus saw that they were <u>ready to force Him to be their king</u>, He slipped away into the hills by Himself.

## Hard To Accept

John 6:60-67 NLT 60 Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?"

61 Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? 63 The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But some of you do not believe me." (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, and he knew who would betray him.) 65 Then he said, "That is why I said that people can't come to me unless the Father gives them to me." 66 At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. 67 Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked,

"Are you also going to leave?"

#### **Reasons People Leave**

- ✓ Missing the signs / Lack of awareness
- ✓ Physical desires /wants not satisfied
- ✓ Can't accept /doesn't make sense
- ✓ Tradition
- ✓ Try to know Jesus on their own terms.
- ✓ Offended

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# You Asked For It!

Eat My Flesh...Drink My Blood

## Partaking of His Flesh and Blood ...

### 1. Seek Jesus for the right reasons.

John 6:26-27 NLT

26 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. 27 But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. *Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of* <u>Man can give you.</u> For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval."

## 2. Listen to Jesus when He <u>calls</u> you out.

#### John 6:30-33 NLT

30 They answered, "Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? 31 After all, our ancestors ate manna while they journeyed through the wilderness! The Scriptures say, <u>'Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat.</u>'" 32 Jesus said, "I tell you the truth,

#### Moses didn't give you bread from heaven. My Father did.

And now He offers you the true bread from heaven. 33 The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

## 3. Come to Jesus on His terms.

#### John 6:53-58 NLT

53 So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, <u>unless you eat the flesh of the Son of</u> Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you.

54 But <u>anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life</u>, and I will raise that person at the last day. 55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. 56 Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. 57 I live because of the living Father who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me. 58 I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did

(even though they ate the manna) but will live forever."

#### 4. Believe Jesus to <u>know</u> Jesus.

John 6:68-69 NLT

68 Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. 69 <u>We believe</u>, and <u>we know You are the Holy One of God</u>."

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