

SEPARATING TRUE AND FALSE DISCIPLES ~ JOHN 6:60-7:9

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DESERTED BY THE CROWD ~ John 6:60-66

[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] What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!

Things They Found OFFENSIVE: (D. A. Carson)

- He did NOT try to overthrow the Romans
- He did not want to KEEP feeding Them
- Jesus said He was Greater than Moses
- Teaching about Eating Flesh & Drinking Blood

[63] The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. [64] 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. [65] He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him." [66] From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

Did NOT Follow Jesus Because... (Bible Know. Comm.)

- He Refused to be Made King
- He Demanded Personal Faith in Him
- His Teaching on Atonement
- He Showed Salvation was God's Work

APPLICATION

John 3:18 (NIV) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

FOLLOWED BY A FEW ~ John 6:67-71

[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 believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." [70] Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" [71] (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

APPLICATION

THEY MADE ... (A Hern)

- an INFORMED choice ~ ONLY You have the Words of LIFE
- a DELIBERATE choice ~ We Will FOLLOW You
- a COSTLY choice ~ We will NOT Give Up

DESERTED BY HIS FAMILY ~ John 7:1-9

[7:1] After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life. [2] But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, [3] Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. [4] No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." [5] For even his own brothers did not believe in him. [6] Therefore Jesus told them, "The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right. [7] The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil. [8] You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come." [9] Having said this, he stayed in Galilee.

TAKE AWAY ??

Thinking Through MY Commitment... (B. Boardman)

- I'll do what I want -I don't care what God wants me to do
- If God will give me what I want first - then I'll give him what He wants
- I'll give God what He wants first - and expect that He will then give me what I want
- I'll give God what He Deserves - regardless of what He gives me

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee...

Take my will, and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine...

Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne...