

# *Three Responses to Bread of Life!*

John 6:60-71  
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## Introduction

- Presidential candidates seeking to build support.  
Crowd size -> Momentum -> Movement  
Change positions or tone of rhetoric to attract more.
- Churches—equate size with success  
Temptation to tone own message—2 Tim. 4:2-4
- Large crowds followed Jesus early in his ministry
- Jesus' discourse on the "Bread of Life"

## *Three Responses to "Bread of Life" Message!*

### **A. The "Jews"—6:41, 51**

1. Identified—hostile religious leaders and followers
2. Activities—asked questions, complained, argued.

### **B. The "Disciples"—6:60-66**

1. Identification: Jesus' "groupies"
2. Problems with the Sermon—6:60-61
  - a. Difficulty accepting Jesus' teaching
  - b. Offended by what Jesus said
3. Jesus' Response—6:62-65
  - a. Jesus increases the offense by speaking of a greater scandal.
    - 1) The greater scandal is his "ascension" which begins at the cross.—Phil. 2:8; John 3:14-15
    - 2) The cross of Christ as the supreme scandal—I Cor. 1:23
  - b. Jesus clarifies the nature of the metaphors He's been using—6:63
    - 1) "Flesh profits nothing"
    - 2) "It is the Spirit who gives life"
    - 3) "The words I speak are spirit and...life"
  - c. Jesus reveals that He knows who will believe—6:64-65
4. The "Disciples" Response—6:66
5. Traits of a "False" disciple.

### **C. The "Twelve"—6:67-71**

1. Identification: The "Twelve"
2. Jesus Question: "Do you also want to go away?"
3. Peter's Response—6:68-69
  - a. "Lord, to whom shall we go?" What alternative is there? "You alone have the words of eternal life"
  - b. "You are the Holy One, the Christ, the Son of the living God"
4. Jesus' Correction—6:70-71
5. Traits of a "True" disciple.