

John #39

6:66-71

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“You are the Holy One of God”

Intro: The sixth chapter of John’s gospel has introduced us to four groups of people.

1. First there were the _____ ... they _____ from the picture.
2. Secondly, came the religious _____ ... they _____ Him.
3. Thirdly then, came those who were identified as His _____ ... they were _____ walking _____ anymore.”
4. Fourthly, there were the twelve ... except for one, they _____ and confessed that Jesus is the _____ of God.

I. “Jesus said therefore to the twelve, ” _____ do not want to _____ also, do you?”

A. Throughout the Scripture the true people of God are spoken of as a _____. The Apostle Paul wrote saying, Rom 9:27, “And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, “Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved ...” And, later in 11:5 he wrote, “In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time _____ according to God’s gracious choice.”

1. Many will follow Jesus for a while (for various flawed reasons). But not being true followers, they will fall away while only a few _____ believers (a remnant) will _____. (Cf. Matt. 13:1-23)

B. In the original Greek this question expects a negative answer. In asking “You do not want to go away also, do you?” the _____ expected and in fact, knew that the disciples would answer, “No, we do not want to go away!” He _____ how they would answer for verse 64 says, “Jesus knew from the beginning _____ they were who did not _____ ...”

1. Jesus asked this question for the disciple’s _____. As James wrote, 1:2-4, “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” _____ must come to test our faith - as in fire - to purify us and _____ so when the winds of adversity blow against us we are able to stand and withstand!

2. The Lord will have _____ followers. Unwilling followers are not true disciples, and He will not have them for such do not belong to Him! He does not fear that any of His will be lost, and so when the many turn back He looks in confidence to _____ and asks, “You will not go away also, will you?” And, our answer to this question will show us to be just exactly who _____ us to be.

II. “Simon Peter answered Him, ‘ _____, to whom shall we go? You have words of _____.”

A. _____ told the false disciples that the _____ He spoke were spirit and life, but they would not receive them as such for they did not believe. But here, Peter confesses that Jesus has the “words of eternal _____!”

B. It is this that separates false followers from true disciples: belief in _____! John 8:31-32, "Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you _____ in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you shall _____ the truth, and the _____ shall make you free."

III. Speaking for the others, Peter said, "We have _____ and have come to know that _____ the Holy One of _____."

A. "We have believed and have come to know ..." This is the divine order of spiritual understanding: 1) as God grants us faith to _____, 2) we come to _____.

1. It is impossible to _____ the words of spirit and life without belief. Many of His disciples left Him because they did not believe, and because they did not believe they would not accept the Lord's words as spirit and life. Heb 11:1 says, "Now _____ is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things _____." And in explanation verse 3 begins with these words: "By faith we understand ..."

B. These believed and knew _____ to be "the _____ of God!"

1. When Peter affirmed this same truth saying, Matt. 16:16, "Thou art the _____, the Son of the living _____." Verse 17, "... Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not _____ this to you, but My _____ who is in heaven."

2. We must look to God for such _____ for it is only by the grace _____ that anyone can truly believe and confess that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God."

III. "Jesus answered them, 'Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?' 71 Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to _____."

A. Despite Peter's confession, _____ of the twelve _____ believe. But, our Lord knew this for He Himself choose each one of them, and knowing what is in the heart of a man He knew who it was who would betray Him. He announced that one of them was "a devil" (a deceiver, a liar, a false accuser) who did not _____.

Closing: Upon considering the multitudes, the religious doubters, the false disciples, and the true disciples, we must _____ which group we fall into, for most assuredly we fall into one of these groups.

There is but _____ right _____ to follow Christ Jesus - not because He feeds us; not because He says the things we want to hear; not because He makes us comfortable, but because _____ the _____ One of God!

A. "You will not go away also, will you?" Jesus said, "If you _____ in My word, then you are _____ disciples of _____" (John 8:31).

May it be that Peter is our spokesman also. May it be that our hearts agree with him saying, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. We have _____ and have come to know that You are the Holy One of _____."