

**PLAIN TRUTHS ABOUT THE
BREAD OF LIFE**

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Mark Twain once remarked that "A lie can travel halfway around the world while truth is still lacing up its boots!"

This section of John's Gospel has generated much confusion and misunderstanding.

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Even Jesus' original audience had trouble understanding His meaning, and when they did, they found the truth was difficult to bear. These "hard truths," however, are "the words of eternal life" (v. 68). Today in this sermon we will look at these four realities

Four Truths About the Bread of Life

I. True Life Will Come by Death (vv. 51-59)

Jesus is not referring to transubstantiation (the belief that the bread and wine literally transform into the body and blood of Christ at the Eucharist)

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1. The Lord's Supper was not yet instituted

2. Jesus said, "If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;" –v. 51 (that would mean anyone who partook of communion gains salvation; defies the biblical doctrine of grace by faith)

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3. The verb "to eat" is in the aorist tense; once for all completed action; communion is repeated often – Luke 22:19
4. Jesus is speaking in spiritual terms –v.63

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To eat and drink His flesh and blood means to behold Christ and believe in Him; see Him for who He is and place our faith completely in Him; His flesh and blood are the price of redemption

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Without the blood, a ministry is lifeless –
Charles H. Spurgeon – 1 Corinthians 1:18

The Wisdom of God

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those
who are perishing, but to us who are being saved
it is the power of God.

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II. True Words Are Hard to hear (vv 60-63)

Not hard to understand, hard to tolerate;
skleros—hard, rough, stiff, harsh

What to do when there is a message that is hard
to hear? Be open to it

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1 Thessalonians 5:14

We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

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III. True Motives Will be Discovered (vv. 64-66, 70-71)

Disciples are not necessarily believers;
mathetes—a student, a learner

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Motives revealed as a person backslides into a former way of life – 1 John 2:19

Sometimes people can bluff it until they face the Lord

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IV. True Disciples Will Not Leave (vv.67-69)

Peter has the answers – Matthew 16:16

Marks of a true disciple

Devotion, loyalty–leaving Christ is unthinkable

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Satisfaction

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Conviction

v69 Also we have come to believe and know that
You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

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Conviction

People lack this conviction about Christ,
because they've never met him

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Food

Must be ingested

Must be hungry

No one can do it for you