

SERMON NOTES

*Reason To Believe: Jesus is Lord
John 6:59-71*

Concluding John 6, this chapter marks a significant transition in the life and ministry of Jesus. Warren Wiersbe calls 6:61, “Crisis #1 in John’s gospel.” After Jesus performed miracles and His masterful teaching, one thing became clear: there will be those who believe and those who do not. The teaching of Jesus drove some away, and would reveal the genuine faith of others. Peter’s confession marked the clear distinction between those who believed and those who did not. Peter confessed Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of the living God and surrendered to His Lordship. Those who walked away (6:66) did not.

Key thought: When you genuinely believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, you must surrender to His Lordship over your life.

JESUS KNOWS IF YOU TRULY, GENUINELY BELIEVE!

“As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.” *John 6:66*

- They were offended at His person

The birth, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension are an “unbreakable sequence” (Leon Morris). All of this speaks to Christ’s pre-existence, He is the eternal God.

- They were offended at His doctrine – 6:60 literally “more than we can stomach”

Many considered his statement difficult (v. 60) – “The term connotes harshness and difficulty in following rather than merely difficulty in understanding, not hard to understand but hard to accept.” *Craig S. Keener*

“What they wanted, He would not give; what He offered, they would not receive.” *F.F. Bruce*

The good news is you can know if you truly believe! *1 John 5*

WHEN YOU TRULY, GENUINELY BELIEVE YOU MUST SURRENDER TO HIS LORDSHIP!

“Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.’” *John 6:68-69*

“Lord” – *kurios* - might, power. Lord, master, owner

“You have words of eternal life” – “words” – not *logos*, but *rhema*, “eternal life” – life eternally

“We have believed” – *pisteuo* – to place trust in, “We have come to believe and still believe”

“Have come to know that You are the Holy One of God” – “We have come to know and still know.” See Mark 1:24, a messianic designation

To say Jesus is Lord involves:

- Acceptance (John 20:28; Acts 16:31)
- Devotion (Matthew 22:37-38)
- Loyalty (1 Corinthians 7:22; Philippians 3:20; 1 Timothy 6:15; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Isaiah 62:5; Romans 8:17)
- Surrender/Submission (Luke 6:46)
- Obedience (John 14:15; Matthew 7:21)
- Cost (John 15:20)
- Joy (John 17:13)