



Encountering Christ II #4
When the Going Gets Tough-John 6:54-69
 By Louie Marsh, 4-10-2016

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⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸

This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹

Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, **“This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”** John 6:56-60 (ESV)

- To _____ on Christ.

⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. John 6:47 (ESV)

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¹¹ Ephraim was a trained calf that loved to thresh, and I spared her fair neck; **but I will put Ephraim to the yoke; Judah must plow; Jacob must harrow for himself.** ¹² Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, **for it is the time to seek the LORD,** that he may come and **rain righteousness upon you.** Hosea 10:11-12 (ESV)

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⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) John 6:61-64 (ESV)

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⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. John 6:66 (ESV)

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⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” John 6:68-69 (ESV)

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