

John 6:25–71 – Eat my flesh and drink my blood

25. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"
²⁶Jesus replied, "I tell you the solemn truth, you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs, but because **you ate all the loaves of bread** you wanted. ²⁷Do not work for **the food that disappears**, but for **the food that remains to eternal life—the food** which the Son of Man will give to you. For God the Father has put his seal of approval on him."
28. So then they said to him, "What must we do to accomplish the deeds God requires?" ²⁹Jesus replied, "This is the deed God requires—to **believe in the one whom he sent.**" ³⁰So they said to him, "Then what miraculous sign will you perform, so that we may see it and **believe you**? What will you do? ³¹Our ancestors **ate the manna** in the wilderness, just as it is written, '**He gave them bread from heaven to eat.**'"
32. Then Jesus told them, "I tell you the solemn truth, it is not Moses who has given you **the bread from heaven**, but my Father is giving you **the true bread from heaven.** ³³For **the bread of God** is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴So they said to him, "Sir, give us **this bread** all the time!"

35. **Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.**

The one who comes to me will never go hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.

36. But I told you that **you have seen me** and still do not believe.

37. Everyone whom the Father gives me **will come to me**, and the one who **comes to me** I will never send away.

38. For **I have come down from heaven** not to do my own will but the will of the one who **sent me.** ³⁹Now this is the will of the one who **sent me**—that I should not lose one person of every one he has given me, but **raise them all up at the last day.** ⁴⁰For this is the will of my **Father**—for everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him to have eternal life, and I will **raise him up at the last day.**"

41. Then the Jews who were hostile to Jesus began **complaining about him** because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven,"

42. and they said, "Isn't this Jesus the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, '**I have come down from heaven**'?"

43. Jesus replied, "Do not **complain about me** to one another.

44. No one can come to me unless the **Father** who **sent me** draws him, and I will **raise him up at the last day.**

45. It is written in the prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who hears and learns from the Father **comes to me.**

46. (Not that anyone has **seen the Father** except the one who is from God—he has **seen the Father.**)

47. **I tell you the solemn truth, the one who believes has eternal life.**

48. **I am the bread of life.**

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49. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50. **This is the bread that has come down from heaven,
so that a person may eat from it and not die.**

51. I am the **living bread** that **came down from heaven.**

If anyone eats from this bread he will live forever.

The bread is my flesh which I will give for the life of the world."

52. Then the Jews who were hostile to Jesus began to argue with one another,
"How can this man give us **his flesh to eat**?"

53. **Jesus said to them, "I tell you the solemn truth,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you have no life in yourselves.**

54. **The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood** has eternal life,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

55. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

56. **The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood** resides in me, and I in
him.

57. Just as the **living Father sent me**, and **I live** because of the **Father**,
so **the person who eats me will live because of me.**

58. **This is the bread that came down from heaven;**
it is not like the bread your ancestors ate, but then later died.

The one who eats this bread will live forever."

59. Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰Then many of his disciples, when they heard these things, said, "This is a difficult saying! Who can understand it?" ⁶¹When Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining about this, he said to them, "Does this cause you to be offended? ⁶²Then what if you see the Son of Man ascending where he was before?"

63. The Spirit is the one who gives life; human nature is of no help! The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

64. But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus had already known from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵So Jesus added, "Because of this I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has allowed him to come."

66. After this many of his disciples quit following him and did not accompany him any longer. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the twelve, "You don't want to go away too, do you?"

68. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God!"

70. Jesus replied, "Didn't I choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is the devil?" ⁷¹(Now he said this about Judas son of Simon Iscariot, for Judas, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.)