

Gospel of John 6:53 – 7:1

New American Standard Version

1 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat
2 the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life
3 in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has
4 eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is
5 true food, and My blood is true drink. He who eats My flesh and
6 drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father
7 sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he
8 also will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down
9 out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this
10 bread will live forever.” These things He said in the synagogue as
11 He taught in Capernaum. Therefore many of His disciples, when
12 they heard *this* said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen
13 to it?” But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this,
14 said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble? *What* then if you
15 see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? It is the
16 Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I
17 have spoken to you are spirit and are life. But there are some of
18 you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who
19 they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray
20 Him. And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that
21 no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the
22 Father.” As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and
23 were not walking with Him anymore. So Jesus said to the twelve,
24 “You do not want to go away also, do you?” Simon Peter
25 answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of
26 eternal life. We have believed and have come to know that You
27 are the Holy One of God.” Jesus answered them, “Did I Myself
28 not choose you, the twelve, and *yet* one of you is a devil?” Now
29 He meant Judas *the son* of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the
30 twelve, was going to betray Him. After these things Jesus was
31 walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because
32 the Jews were seeking to kill Him.

Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own Observation, Interpretation, and Application.

- *What facts do you observe about the passage (repetition, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect, unusual words, etc.)? Mark the passage (underline, circles, etc.) to help bring out the writer’s thought process.*
- *What questions come to mind about the facts of the passage that would help you interpret the writer’s meaning?*
- *How does the writer’s meaning relate to your life? What specific application might the Holy Spirit want to show you?*

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation

(What does it say?)

- Who are the people involved?
- What is the action taking place?
- What type of literature is the passage (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are there any unusual words used?
- Is there any symbolic or figurative language used?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Is there any repetition of words or ideas?
- Are there comparisons or contrasts?
- Are there indications of cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Does the passage contain any explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation

(What does it mean?)

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer’s thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application

(What does it mean for me?)

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?