

current sermon series

THE
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

The Spirit Gives Life

True Disciples of Jesus are those that believe on Jesus, humbly receive His word and continue to obediently follow Him.

John 6:60-71

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this?”

John 6:60-71

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.”

John 6:60-71

(For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.)⁶⁵ And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

John 6:60-71

⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed,

John 6:60-71

and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.”⁷¹ He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

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False Disciples find Jesus useful,
but true disciples find Jesus
beautiful.

John 6:60

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True disciples of Jesus humbly receive and obey Jesus' words.

Isaiah 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,
declares the Lord.⁹ For as the heavens
are higher than the earth, so are my
ways higher than your ways and my
thoughts than your thoughts.

Proverbs 3:5a

trust in the Lord with all your heart
and do not lean on your own
understanding...

John 6:60-61

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1 Corinthians 1:22

For Jews demand signs and
Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we
preach Christ crucified, a stumbling
block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

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The cross is offensive because it is a declaration that we are sinners in need of a savior.

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The cross is offensive because it stands in opposition to your work.

John 6:63

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all.

John 6:62

62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

John 6:64-66

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.)

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1. True discipleship begins with a proper confession of who Jesus is.
2. True discipleship is personal application and confidence in Jesus.

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3. True discipleship is recognizing the emptiness and folly of worldly pursuits for satisfaction and salvation.
4. True discipleship is holding God's word in high esteem.

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5. True discipleship is persevering
by the power of the Spirit.