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**Meditation for May 24** – [John 6:60-71] -- *A Year in the New Testament*, cph, 2010. ----- Jesus shouldn't have opened His mouth. After the miracles of the loaves, His following is more than 10,000. But then Jesus starts to preach, and the people quickly turn from Him. Many in the crowd began to dispute among themselves (Jn 6:52). Then even His disciples begin to grumble. For them His words are too much. Many of His disciples turn away and follow Him no more.

So what about the Twelve? Will they follow the crowd and many of the other disciples? Will they also conclude that Jesus is out of His mind rather than the living bread that has come down from heaven? Jesus asks the question, "Do you want to go away as well?" Peter speaks on behalf of the others, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God."

Do you want to go away as well? Your sinful flesh says, "Yes!" The flesh wants nothing to do with Christ. His words seem like foolishness. His sayings are too hard to accept. His claims about Himself are too unreasonable.

But the flesh is no help at all. It is the Spirit who gives life. On our own, we could never believe the words of Jesus. We, too, would grumble and walk away as some did that day when Jesus taught at Capernaum. What is impossible for our flesh to do, our triune God has done for us. God the Father by grace has drawn us to His Son, who offered His life on the cross. The Spirit has given us life through the words of Jesus, bestowing on us the gift of faith. With the Spirit, we confess with Peter that Jesus has the words of eternal life and that He is the Holy One of God.

Looking at the sixth chapter of John, it may appear that Jesus shouldn't have opened His mouth. His preaching led many to turn away from Him. But Christ is more concerned about truth than numbers. He doesn't preach to draw a crowd. His goal is not to give itching ears what they want to hear. This is preaching to the flesh. Instead, His proclaims Spirit-filled words of eternal life, a message that is rejected by many, but a message that is life and salvation for all who believe.