



“HARD SAYINGS”

JOHN 6:53-60



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- First one must **understand** what is being discussed
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- Put it into **practice** in one’s life!



“Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you **eat the flesh** of the Son of Man and **drink His blood**, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has **eternal life**, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.”

John
6:53-56

“As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven – not as your fathers ate the manna and are dead. He who **eats this bread** will live forever. These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, **This is a hard saying; who can understand it?**”

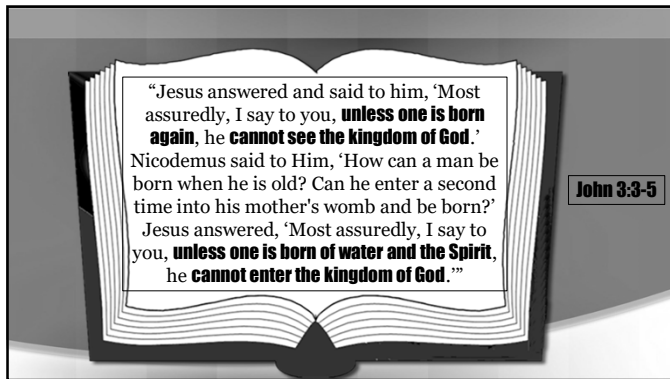
John
6:57-60

#1. Eating His Flesh and Drinking His Blood

- Not speaking of the Lord’s Supper
- Make reference to “**manna**” in the wilderness
 - Exodus 16:4
- **Blood** was forbidden under the Old Law
 - Leviticus 17:11-12
- Found His words shocking and **unacceptable!**
- Meaning???

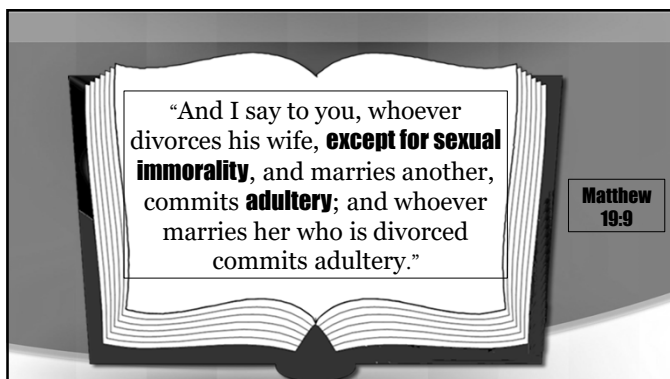
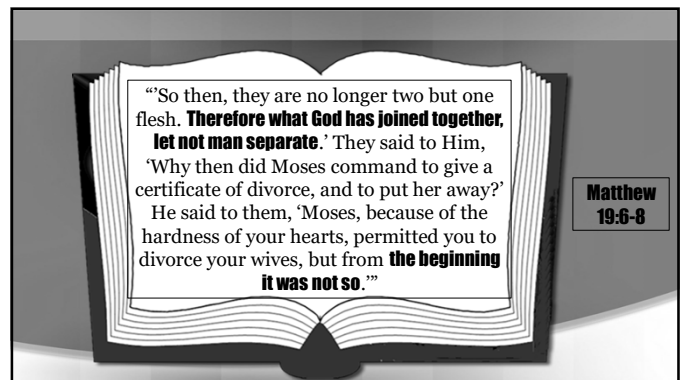
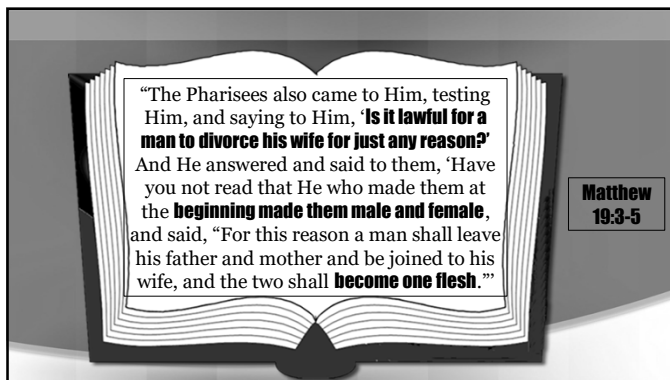
Eating His Flesh and Drinking His Blood

- He was the true bread of heaven
 - He himself has descended from heaven to be the bread of life and give sustenance for the soul
- Taking Christ into their hearts would lead to “**eternal life**”
- Only by accepting the “**blood of His sacrifice**” could one find a remedy for their sins!
 - Ephesians 1:7; Romans 5:9



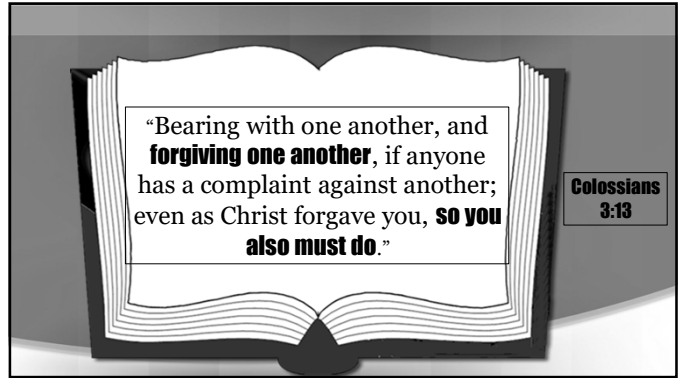
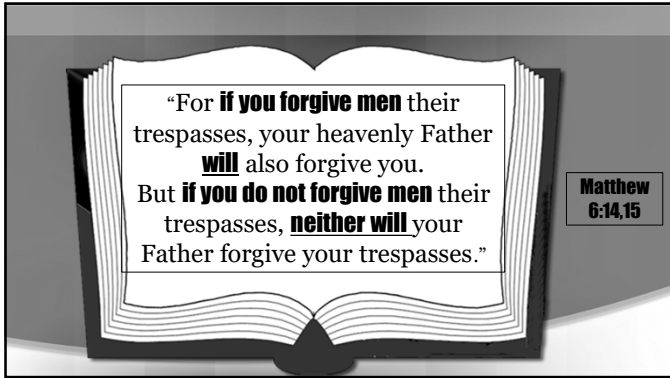
#2. Being “Born Again” – Water and Spirit

- For many this is a “hard saying.”
- Not a physical birth but a “spiritual birth”
 - Romans 6:1-7; Colossians 2:12
- Two things impossible:
 1. Cannot **see** the kingdom of God
 2. Cannot **enter** the kingdom of God
- Requires
 1. Radical change
 2. True repentance – change of conduct – 2 Corinthians 5:17



#3. Marriage and Divorce

- For many this is a “hard saying.”
- God is the authority over the law of marriage
 - Matthew 28:18
- Two truths:
 1. Marriage is Male/Female – No same sex unions are acceptable
 2. Sexual immorality **ONLY** cause for divorce – not put asunder
- Requires
 1. Men understand the seriousness of their choice
 2. Man’s laws and reasoning – don’t alter God’s laws!



#4. Forgiveness Of Others

- For many this is a “hard saying.”
- God spoke with authority
 - Matthew 7:28-29
- Two truths:
 - 1. Not willing to forgive others – no forgiveness from God!
 - 2. One can be morally right – but still be lost!
- Examples
 - 1. God forgiving David – 2 Samuel 12:7-13; Acts 13:22
 - 2. Saul’s hatred for Christians – Acts 9:12-16/Galatians 1:15

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