

# The Vital Meal

John 6:41-59

The problem of Jesus' ordinariness...(v41-46)

<sup>41</sup> So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— <sup>46</sup> not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever." <sup>59</sup> Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

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**?** After the talk today, there will be a short Q&A session, time permitting

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## 1. Jesus is the food we need (v47-50)

## 2. ...because his death is life-giving (v51)

## 3. ...so we must feed on him (v52-59)

v40  
...everyone who looks on the Son  
and believes in him  
should have eternal life,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

v54  
Whoever feeds on my flesh  
and drinks my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

Next week:

Series: The down-to-earth God

Talk: The giver of eternal life (John 6:60-71)

Speaker: Andrew Latimer