

Are You Really Prepared to Walk with God?

“Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him”, John 6:60–66.

It was at this point that our Lord’s Galilean Campaign collapsed.

WHY?

Jesus refused to conform to ‘Popular Messianic’ Expectations.

Therefore, IT WAS NOT Our Lord’s Galilean Ministry that collapsed, but the peoples refusal to accept what the campaign was about.

Who, then, were the people who were now refusing to continue along tis ‘campaign path’?

They were not Jews, for they publicly denounced Jesus AND HIS DOCTRINE.

They were not ‘one day a week’ followers.

They were DISCIPLES, people who were in His presence daily. There can be no doubt that many would have professed Jesus openly. It is more than likely that they that they boasted that they ‘KNEW’ Him.

When we look at the following, it becomes very obvious HOW LITTLE they did know Him.

The centre of the problem would appear to be he fact that Jesus, in the earlier verses of this chapter, stated that they would be required to eat His Flesh and drink His Blood.

They did not listen to what else he said. He had been sent from Heaven – that they might have Eternal Life; and manna for the Jews had been sent from Heaven – that they might have a Daily Life.

The Jews had absorbed the manna into their bodies, and had died, Thus Jesus, in His claims here, was claiming to be greater than the manna, and if they would but absorb Him into their lives they would have life everlasting.

This leaves us with the fact that Jesus was far superior to the manna for,

1. The manna lasted but for a short specified time, was for the Jews only, and only helped them to live on this earth,
2. The flesh of Jesus was far greater, it was offered to all men on this earth that all might live eternally.

What is the difference between the manna and the living bread? The manna was FREE, delivered by the angles by God's Command. The Living Bread cost God His Son's life.

Jesus said 'I am the way...', John 14:6. Jesus also said '...follow me...' Matthew 16:24.

His life on this earth was an open book. Everything He did and said was openly said to family members, the priesthood, the lawyers, there were no sealed, secretive, or hidden statements in His life – everything was open and declared freely.

'Christians' will look around to see if there is anyone watching their actions, they forget that they cannot see God or the angels, who are probably covering their faces in shame as they see the actions taking place.

By offering Himself as the Living Bread it cost God' Son His life, that we might have a freedom free life on this earth, knowing that the truth can never hurt us.

Jesus taught us to say "...Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth...", Luke 11:2, yet so many people are prepared to say "...Thy will be done, as in heaven, but on earth, I'll do it my way..."!

Paul, many years after the event, and quoting Jesus said "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks", Acts 26:14.

To do it our way, in our timing, is neither God's Way OR Timing, all we do is persecute the One who gave Himself so freely.