

# “THREE QUESTIONS THAT DEMAND AN ANSWER”

John 6:41-51

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## INTRODUCTION

The scene seems to change here from the conversation by the shore to a discussion in the synagogue (v. 59). We know that there are some staunch enemies present at this time—again referred to as “Jews” (v. 41). Whether they were present earlier, now they take the leadership in the escalating “argument” with Jesus.

How sad that religious leaders and their confused followers refuse to accept the profound truths given here by Jesus, but instead become increasingly hostile. Jesus here makes clear to us why they don’t accept Him.

**Three** primary questions arise in this passage:

*How did this Man Come Down Out of Heaven?*

*Why did He Come From Heaven?*

*How Can One Go to Heaven?*

These **three questions are still vitally important today.**

## YOU MUST HAVE ANSWERS FOR THEM!

### I. INCARNATION: *How did this man come down out of Heaven?(42b)*

A. His natural lineage (42)

1. The Son of Joseph

2. We know His parents.

This is John’s hint at the Virgin Birth of Christ.

B. His true spiritual lineage (41, 42, 50, 51)—**Came** down, **comes** down, **has come** down.

1. Sent by the Father (44); from God (46)

2. Voluntarily came and comes (50, 51)

### II. CRUCIFIXION (51): *Why did He come from Heaven?*

A. To make the Father known (46) (The only one who has really seen the Father)

B. To die a Sacrificial Death (51) (“*My Flesh*”)

This term has “almost a crude forcefulness that rivets attention on the historical fact that Christ did give Himself for man” (Morris).

He gave His human nature (soul and body) to eternal death on the cross.

**This does not refer to Communion.**

C. To Become the Bread of Life (48—“*I am the bread of life.*”)

False bread cannot satisfy; neither could the manna. Those who ate it died (49).

The “bread which comes down from heaven (50)

The “living bread”—**that is He has life in Himself.**

He “gives” this bread (51).

### III. SALVATION: *How can I go to heaven?*

#### A. The Father Must Draw him (44)

This “drawing” seems to always involve resistance.

This “drawing” is effectual—Christ will raise him up (cf. vv. 39, 40).

1. He is “taught of God” (45)—cf. Is. 54;13
2. He has “heard from the Father” (45).
3. He has “learned from the Father” (45).

#### B. He must appropriate the Son’s Death—“*Eat His flesh.*”

1. Believes in Him (47)
2. Comes to Him (44, 45)

#### C. He lives as the result.

1. Christ died for “the life of the world” (51).  
“On Behalf of” refers to **substitutionary atonement.**”
2. One who trusts Christ will “**not die**” (50)
3. One who trusts Christ will **live forever** (51).

### CONCLUSION

The **three** important questions (*How did He come down from heaven?, Why did He come down from heaven?, and How can I go to heaven?*) are all answered in John 6:41-51.

Have you come to the incarnate and crucified Son of God and trusted Him as your Savior? Are you going to heaven?