***John 6:62-65 What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? 63It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”***

We’re back with Jesus in Capernaum this morning. Recall last week that this is the morning after Jesus fed the 5000 with five loaves and 2 fish, walked on the water, and caused the disciples boat to instantly move from the middle of a wind tossed sea to the safety of the shore. Our day is continuing with Jesus as He teaches both those that believe and those that don’t. He teaches all, only some will hear and understand.

As a sidenote, it must not be lost on us that the great wind that disciples strained against, which is what Mark 6:48 tells us, Jesus walked through easily. Let’s remember that, as we encounter the winds of life that cause us to strain, and fight, and fear, we have a Savior that calms the storm.

Jesus has just given the Jews and His disciples a preview of His betrayal, crucifixion, and resurrection. He’s spoken of His Body being broken and His Blood being spilled to pay for our sins on Calvary’s Cross. Of course, when we observe Communion, we eat the bread, remembering that it represents His Body that was broken, we drink juice recalling that it represents His Blood. As often as we do the Lord’s Supper, we must recall His gift.

Now many have turned away, leaving Him, calling these words hard sayings. And so it is today – many gladly hear what Jesus says, as long as it requires nothing of them, as long as they need change in no way, sacrifice no time, give no gift. But, Jesus requires everything be placed on the altar. **He** decides what stays and what must go.

Verse 62 says *What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?* Of course, we know that Jesus did ascend back to Heaven. Acts 1:9 *Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.* Jesus asks a simple question – If a disciple can’t understand and accept His death and resurrection, how will that disciple ever grasp Spiritual Truth which is so contrary to worldly things? Jesus is saying, “If you can’t believe all of Me, you believe none of Me.”

Verse 63 *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*Last week, we learned that God draws us to Jesus. No one comes to Jesus but by God. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father but by Him. John 14:6. Now, we read that the life found in Jesus arrives by way of the Holy Spirit – It is the Spirit who gives life! The Holy Trinity is in full view here! Father, Son, Holy Ghost all acting in the life of the disciple to draw us ever closer to our heavenly destination. The flesh, the world, profits nothing. What profit is it if a person gains the whole world and loses His very soul? With Jesus Loss of the whole world is Gain of eternal life. His Word **is** life.

Verse 64 - *But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.*Jesus knew who was with Him and who was against Him; yet He loved them all. Not all who claim to love Jesus truly love Jesus. Not all that call on His name know Who He is. Matthew 7:21 *Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.* Last week, we learned John 6:29 - *Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”* How do we know we are doing this work and being a true disciple? John 8:31 *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”* This is the same word that verse 63 tells us is spirit… the very source of life. We find life by abiding in the Living Word, Jesus Christ.

 Verse 65 *And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”* And here we are, back in the place we started. No one comes to Jesus unless God draws Him. Those that are willing to forsake the world and believe in the Son God draws. No one comes to the Son but by God. No one comes to God but by the Son. There is one way to the Son, through the Father drawing. There is one way to the Father, through believing in the Son. No backdoors. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

In these verses, we witness the beauty of the Trinity, each acting to draw those that will believe. Notice that the world only acts as a distraction. In the end, it offers no profit, nothing that lasts. The question for us this morning is – where are we placing our investment and trust? Is it in the world that is decaying and passing away? Or in the work of God that will follow us into eternity? Each of us must answer that question while here on earth. When we come before Jesus, He will either say Welcome or Depart. The words we hear will depend completely on who our master is – the world or the Word… we cannot serve two masters. Choose ye this day.

If you haven’t received Jesus, the Word become flesh, let today be that day!