

HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS

(John 6:22-69)

- Introduction:
1. Throughout the teaching ministry of Jesus, He made many statements that were hard to understand or accept by his followers.
 2. People have reacted differently over the hard sayings of Jesus.
 - a. Some completely rejected him and refused to believe and obey Him.
 - b. Others have simply picked and chosen the words they want to accept while rejecting the things they personally find hard.
 - c. And yet others, have accepted all of the things Jesus has said, and are willing to submit themselves to His words.
 3. Let us notice a few of the hard sayings that Jesus made.

I. Nobody Can Go To Heaven Today Apart From Faith In Jesus

- A. (John 8:24) Unless you believe in Jesus you will die in your sins.
- B. (John 14:6) No man comes to the Father except through Jesus.
- C. (John 3:16) Whoever believes shall not perish but have everlasting life.
- D. (Matthew 20:28) Gave His life as a ransom.

II. Sincerity Cannot Substitute For Obedience

- A. (Matthew 7:21-23).
- B. (John 8:32) The truth makes one free from sins.
- C. (Matthew 7:13-14) More will be lost than saved.
- D. (1 Samuel 15:22) To obey is better than to sacrifice.

III. Baptism Is Essential For Salvation

- A. (John 3:3-5) Except a man be born of water and the Spirit...
- B. (Mark 16:16) He who believes and is baptized shall be saved...
- C. (Matthew 28:19-20) Make disciples—by baptizing and teaching them.

IV. Acceptable Worship Must Be In Spirit And In Truth

- A. (John 4:24).
- B. True worship involves:
 1. A proper object—God.
 2. A proper attitude—Spirit.
 3. A proper standard—Truth.

- Conclusion:
1. The real Jesus was a controversial figure—often demanding and never compromising His teachings.
 2. The question left for us to resolve is “How are we going to react to the many disturbing statements of Jesus?”
 - a. Will we walk away?
 - b. Will we attempt to soften Him?
 - c. Or will we simply trust and obey?