

“The Sheep, the Goats and God’s Sovereignty”

John 6:60-71

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In John 6:60-71 Jesus exposes the true disciples in contrast to the false disciples by reiterating that true salvation is initiated by the Father, not human will, and that unbelief is even accounted for in God’s redemptive plan.

1. Jesus knew the multitudes would bail on Him (60-66)

“His disciples grumbled” (61)

“The Jews...were grumbling about Him” (41)

“Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe” (64)

“Many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore” (6:66)

“He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him” (1:11)

“But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men...He Himself knew what was in man” (2:24-25)

2. Jesus knew which Apostles would believe in Him (67-69)

“Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God’ ” (6:68-69)

“I know My own, and My own know Me” (10:14)

3. Jesus knew Judas would betray Him (70-71)

“Jesus answered them, ‘Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?’ Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him” (70-71)

“He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, ‘Not all of you are clean’ ” (13:11)

“not one of them perished but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled” (17:12)

“The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born” (Matthew 26:24)

“thirty pieces of silver” (Zechariah 11:12)