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**Christian Cannibals?
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**Joh 6:50-71** This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. 52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat? 53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. 58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. 59 **These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum**. 60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this,* said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? 61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? 62 *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.** 64 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. 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. 66 From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. 70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? 71 He spake of Judas Iscariot *the son* of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

1. **Daily Bread – Lord’s Prayer**

**Jesus is the Bread of Life given for us both for our sin and for our guidance. Through the Holy Spirit He teaches us from His Word which is both the Bible and Jesus.

Mat 6:9-13** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. 11 **Give us this day our daily bread. [superprovision]** 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**Mat 4:4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

**Mar 4:14-20** The sower soweth the word. 15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. 16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. 20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive *it,* and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

***As manna was given in the wilderness from God as daily food, and water from the rock gave life. So these shadows were given to point to Jesus who is the Bread and the Water which brings everlasting life. We will never have to worry for food, drink, or any provision in the Kingdom with Him. Do we act like that today in the flesh?***

1. **Communion with and Remembrance of Him**

***In the Eucharist we have a remembrance that His body was the Bread of Life sent from heaven and that His blood was Living Water. We must eat and drink of Him in order to have spiritual life***.

**Mat 26:26-28** And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it,* and brake *it,* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

**Luk 22:19-20** And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it,* and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: **this DO in remembrance of me.** 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you

1. **Living Water – woman at the well**

**Joh 4:10-14** Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? 12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

**Joh 7:37-39** In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. **39** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given;* because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

**Rev\_21:6** And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

**Rev\_22:1** And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

**Rev\_22:17** And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

***Who is the Gift of God? In these passages we can see the idea that we obtain the Living Water which is both the blood shed on Calvary and the Holy Spirit for the remission of sin and the giving of life in Him. This life will continue as long as we abide in Him and produce much fruit for His glory as He has commanded.***

1. **Proof through Acsension**

***In vs’ 60-64 we see Jesus call out His disciples murmuring about his hard teaching on eating His body and drinking His blood. He then prophesied about what was to come in Acts 1 of Him ascending into the heavens . This prophetic utterance would also give proof of where He came from, thus proving His divinity. This theme of doubt about Jesus’ origins continues even unto today, falsely accusing Jesus of being a liar in His teachings.***

**Act 1:6-11** When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

**Luk 24:49-53** And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. 50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: 53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

***Keep in mind most of these disciples would be tried with persecution from the Roman and Jewish authorities with plundering of goods, imprisonment, torture, and killings yet they did not deny their Savior. Why?***
**Mat 10:31-34** Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. **33** But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. 34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

***In denying Jesus as both Lord and Savior we will then be calling Him a liar and disobedient and unfaithful to Him. We would be showing that we really aren’t committed unto Him, His word, His Spirit, His will, etc. We must love and fear God more than we love or fear any man whether family, friend, or foe.***

1. **Turning Back and Walking No More**

***Vs 67 talks about disciples that walked with Jesus no more. How is this possible? Did Jesus run after them, begging them to come back? Was He hurt or heartbroken over their wicked betrayals? His response was to then turn to the twelve and challenge them with the rhetorical question will you leave as well? How does OSAS comport with this idea that disciples could walk no more with Jesus?***

**Gen 17:1** And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

**Lev 26:3-4** If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

**Deu 11:22-23** For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; 23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

***Is it possible to turn from Jesus because you love your sin or the world more than you love Him? God is His genius gave humanity the characteristic of freewill or freedom to choose to do morally good or evil. He doesn’t make us do evil but allows it, so that we can prove our allegiances. Our first choice as a human is to reject sin and love Jesus, or to love sin and reject Jesus. These concepts are inherit as part of our nature. We have intellect, conscience, and creation as all witnesses to God. No matter what the culture, language, location. The God of the Bible is the One who expects all of humanity to surrender to His authority.***

1. **Betraying Your Creator**

***Lucifer, Eve, Adam and all of humanity have betrayed or will betray the One who: created them, gives them life, breath, water, food, etc. We don’t believe original sin doctrine that most in Christendom hold as orthodox. All are separated from God by their individual sin. All of humanity has been separated physically from God, by Adam’s sin. So, each person is separated from God spiritually when they individually sin. NOTE: separation was brought forth in every instance by one sin.*Gen 4:5-8** But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? **7** If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. 8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

**Rom 3:9-25** What then? Are we better *than they?* Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. 10 As it is written: "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE; 11 THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS; THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS AFTER GOD. 12 THEY HAVE ALL TURNED ASIDE; THEY HAVE TOGETHER BECOME UNPROFITABLE; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, NO, NOT ONE." 13 "THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN TOMB; WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY HAVE PRACTICED DECEIT"; "THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS"; 14 "WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS." 15 "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD; 16 DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR WAYS; 17 AND THE WAY OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN." 18 "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES." 19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

***In conclusion the answer to the rhetorical question, “Christian Cannibals”, we learn that we must partake of Jesus spiritually in obedience to His doctrines/will, and physically we eat in remembrance His body and blood through the communion.***