



Title | Four Responses to Jesus
Series | NOW I SEE
Text | John 6:59-71
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Sermon Notes

John 6:59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" 61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." 66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." 71 He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him. *ESV*

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

- People respond to Jesus in one of four ways depicted by the following two-by-two matrix. What does it mean to believe? What does it mean to follow? How are you responding to Jesus? Is it hard for you to accept that there may be some people who believe, but do not follow Jesus (Quadrant 4) and some who follow but don't believe (Quadrant 2)? Why or why not?

		Believe?	
		Yes	No
Follow?	Yes	1	2
	No	4	3

Tuesday:

- Read John 6:59-71.
- According to John 6:64, "some" of the disciples did not believe, suggesting many did believe. Then in John 6:66 "many" of the disciples stopped following Jesus. Therefore, how many of the four different combinations of believing and following seem to be represented?

Wednesday:

- Read John 6:59-71.
- Why do you think many of Jesus's disciples stopped following him? Why do some believers stop following today? What are the consequences?

Thursday:

- Read John 6:67-68.
- What is Peter's reason for continuing to follow Jesus? Why and how would "the words of eternal life" motivate him to continue to follow when he already has assurance of eternal life through faith?

Friday:

- Read John 6:44, 65.
- Why might it be a good idea for a believer to ask an unbeliever to follow along to church?

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