

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL
SUNDAY 21B—JOHN 6:60-69

Liturgy | Sunday 17 Jn 6:41-51 Bread of Life 2
Sunday 18 Jn 6:52-59 Bread of Life 3
Sunday 19 Jn 6:60-69 Bread of Life 4 (conclusion)

σκληρὸς skleros,
literally hard (dried up)
and figuratively, stiff,
stubborn, rigid. (can be
used of temperament—
“you are a hard man”;
weather “strong winds”

Many of his disciples, then, having heard [what he had to say],
said, “This is a **hard** word, who is able to hear it?” But Jesus,
knowing in himself that his disciples are grumbling about this,
said to them, “Is this a **stumbling-block** for you? What then

σκανδαλίζει scandalize,
offend, be a *skandalon*,
stumbling-block to some-
one.

if you should see the Son of man ascending where he was be-
fore? It is the spirit which gives life; the flesh does no good.
The words that I speak to you are spirit, and are life. But
there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew
from the beginning who those are who are not believing, and
who it is who will betray him. And he was saying, “Because of
this, I have said to you that no one is able to come to me if it
has not been granted to them from the Father.”

From that time, many of the his disciples of him left him and
no longer walked with him. Jesus therefore said to the
Twelve, “Do you not also wish to go away?” Simon Peter an-
swered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words
of eternal life; and we have believed and have known that you
are the Holy One of God.”

Jerusalem Bible

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Revised Standard Version

Many of his disciples, when they heard it, said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?"

But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offense at this?

Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

But there are some of you that do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him.

And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him.

Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.