

## John 6:41-47

Easter is next Sunday but the Scripture is all about the cross and resurrection, every verse, every chapter. While that is true, there's one verse in our passage today that elicits genuine hatred. It ought to declare hope to the human race and the abiding love of God, but it tends to do otherwise. We will see that verse shortly.

The ad hominem argument....

γογγυσμον (goggusmon) is word in verse forty-one and repeated in verse forty-three. Translated \_\_\_\_\_

The bread that came from heaven....

That can't be, **this** guy's the son of Joseph/Mary **We** know who his parents are...

These people were accusing him of blasphemy, but they actually were \_\_\_\_\_ of it. You'll notice that Jesus doesn't respond to their words. He commands them not to grumble. Human beings love to grumble, it's much easier to complain than to praise, to tear down than to build up, to find faults rather than solutions.

4 Things About the Human Will:

- 1) Adam/Eve had the will to choose what was right and good or sinful. Every human being since then inherited their depravity.
- 2) A depraved human being does not have the ability to honor God in his/her choices. We can do good things, but none have righteous merit.

- 3) Upon becoming followers of Jesus, we then have the will to choose to act righteously, honoring God or to act sinfully.
- 4) Upon entering heaven, followers of Jesus now have the will to do only what is right and honoring to God.

Verse 44 reveals how stubborn the human will is and that in our depravity the will is beyond human repair. That word "draw" is vital in this verse and vs 64-66. Who has come to Christ without the Father drawing him/her?

The example of Matthew is a good one...

This drawing is an insightful teaching, an illumination of God's Word that He blesses. We see this in vs 45.

Vs 47 affirms that salvation is of God alone and there's no self-congratulations here.

Jesus knew that the Father would draw His people to Himself and that's why He came, He died, He rose.

Lastly, the Father is drawing many people whom we might think aren't worthy. Please, **never** look at anyone and comment, "that person will never come to Christ."

**NEVER** stop being an evangelist. **Never** give up on anyone....