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In the days when the holy spirit God the Word walked the earth as the man Jesus of Nazareth, there were crowds who followed Him who were greatly interested in the miracles that He performed. One day, Christ said things that were hard for them to understand and they were offended. Many then turned away from Him. Why were they offended by what Christ said and why do truly converted Christians get offended today?

Preamble

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

The Holy Spirits of the God Family

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

God the Father

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Phi 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

Joh 7:39 (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.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Ghost

The expression “Holy Ghost” used in the Bible is in error as there are no ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Joh 4:24 **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., *nothing* existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

Col 1:15 [Christ] Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no bib-

lical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit” who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

God is a Family

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God’s called, chosen and faithful.

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God’s Kingdom.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he [God’s Son] might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Col 1:18 And he [the glorified Christ] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

Bible Writing Convention

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression “the Holy Spirit” without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the expression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or group of verses in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of

God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

Making Things Clearer

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliff Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)

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In this study, we will explore the Scriptures together to determine why it is that some are offended by some of the things they read in the Bible and then lose interest.

We will also seek to determine to what extent is it true that if we had been part of the people who personally heard Christ and saw the miracles He performed, we would not have become offended by anything He said and would have continued following Him.

What Does it Mean to Become Offended?

An offense biblically speaking is something that is said or done which causes us to no longer believe someone we used to trust. We then put in doubt everything that this person had taught and which we once believed.

Specifically, for Christians, that would be a teacher who would say something that would appear to us to be so nonsensical and so outrageous that we lose all faith in what he is saying. Our feeling then is that we had unknowingly believed someone who, we now have discovered, was not who we thought he was; we now think he was a fraud, a deceiver and a liar.

So, how did Christ offend those who followed Him. How did they go from listening to Him to thinking that He could not be trusted to be telling them the truth and turning away from Him?

Christ spoke in parables to those who followed Him.

Mat 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

Mat 13:11 He [Christ] answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

As incredible as it may seem to most people, Christ at His First Coming did not come to teach everybody the way to salvation. He came to teach only His disciples whom God the Father had chosen or given Him.

Joh 17:12 While I was with them [the disciples] in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou [God the Father] gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Now, continuing with Matthew 13.

Mat 13:12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

In other words, to whoever it is given to know the truth of God (those called and chosen), more truth will be given but to those who have not been called, even those little bits of truth they may have, they will lose, because they will eventually become offended by some of the things they will read in the Bible.

Mat 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

Christ spoke in parables to the crowds that followed Him and to the religious elite of the day so they would not understand what He said. He did so because God's master plan of salvation for mankind had then not yet come to the point where all men would be called. At the time of Christ's First Coming to Israel, He was sent to teach His disciples, the ones God the Father gave him. The calling out of all men would happen during the Millennium and during the Last Great Day (Joel 2:28; John 7:37).

It should be noted here that there were also others who became His

disciples so that at the end of His ministry, in addition to the 12 disciples, there were about 120 others who had remained faithful. These are those who although they did not understand the spiritual messages hidden in the symbolic language Christ used, they did not become offended and cease following Him.

Joh 6:60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

Joh 6:66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

These disciples, unlike the 12 given Christ by God the Father, were not explained the meaning of the parables. It was only given unto the 12 to know their meaning (Matt 13:11). They endured until the time of the Day of Pentecost when the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman came to dwell in them giving them the ability to understand God level spiritual truth.

After Christ's ascension back to His Father, we read of Peter speaking to the disciples of which in number there were about a hundred and twenty.

Act 1:15 And in those days Peter stood up in **the midst of the disciples**, and said, **(the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)**

The successor to Judah Iscariot who had betrayed Jesus and who was then dead, was chosen from among the approximately 120 disciples.

Act 1:21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

Act 1:22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, **must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.**

Please note carefully that here Peter is saying that the thing that he and the other apostles were to be witnesses of to the world, was the resurrection of Christ. Only those who were with Christ and saw Him die and are personal eye witnesses of He having been resurrected from the dead can be witnesses. No man since the death of the original apostles can be such witnesses.

Let's continue with Mat 13.

Mat 13:14 And in them [those not called] is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: [spiritual truth]

Mat 13:15 For this people's [Israel's] heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

They were not being called at the time Christ was among them and would not be called until the coming of the 2nd Elijah (See the following study for more details: [The Second Elijah and the Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord](#)). Consequently, they could not understand the spiritual truth spoken by Christ.

Mat 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, [the disciples and true Christians] for they see: and your ears, for they hear. [they can understand spiritual truth]

Mat 13:17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

The prophets used by God and the righteous men of the Old Testament were never given to understand those things which Christ was teaching His disciples. When Christ came, the disciples were given to see and hear, which is to say, they were given spiritual understanding of some of the mysteries of God.

Without spiritual understanding, many upon hearing what Christ said in parables, became offended.

Christ's Followers Offended

In the 6th chapter of the book of John, Christ makes it abundantly clear to those that have eyes to see and ears to hear that it is not possible for men to understand (see and hear) the spiritual truth of God unless they are called by the holy spirit God the Father.

We have to be sure to keep in mind the very great difference that existed between those who followed Christ as He went from place to

place and His disciples as explained in Matt 13: 10-11 we have just read. The disciples were called, the crowds who followed Jesus were not.

In John 6:1-13, we read about the miraculous feeding of a crowd of 5,000 with five loaves and two small fishes. The people then said:

Joh 6:14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth **that prophet** that should come into the world.

Joh 6:15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

These men were so impressed by the miracle they saw that they became convinced that Jesus was **that prophet** that was to come to them as promised by God through Moses. And, they thought that “that prophet” would rule, be a king, over the physical nation of Israel.

And, so did the disciples chosen by Christ who just before He ascended back to His Father asked Him the following question:

Act 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time **restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

Israel was under Roman domination when Christ came to them and the people’s understanding of the Old Testament Scriptures which spoke about a prophet being sent to them, was that He would restore Israel to being a sovereign or free nation.

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will **raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee**, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Deu 18:16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, **Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God**, neither let me see this great fire any more, **that I die not.** (Ex 20:19)

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said unto me, They **[Israel]** have well spoken that which they have spoken.

Deu 18:18 I will raise them **(to Israel)** up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, **[Moses]** and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Deu 18:19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

This very same prophecy is repeated in the book of Acts.

Act 3:18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall [Dan 9:27] come from the presence of the Lord;

Act 3:20 And he [God the Father] shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: [Israel]

Christ is the promised Elijah to come to the end-time nation of Israel after its return from its end-time captivity and resettlement in the original Promised Land.

Act 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, [The foundational truths given Christ's disciples are to be restored to the nation of Israel existing at His 2nd Coming; it will the time of their calling (Rom 11:25-36)] which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Act 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, [Ex 20:19; Deu 18: 15-19] A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, [he will be an Israelite (John 1:14)] like unto me [Moses]; him shall ye hear [understand] in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

This will be the time of the making of the New Covenant with Israel (Jer 31:31; Heb 8:8-10). All of Israel will be called and be brought to the point where individual Israelites will have to choose life by committing themselves to obey God or choose death by refusing to follow their calling (Deu 30:19).

Act 3:23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear [refuse His teachings] that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. [Will not become part of God's spiritual nation of Israel and will die the second death.]

Let's continue with our examination of John 6.

Joh 6:22 The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone;

These people (about 5 thousand) are the ones who Christ had fed with fish and bread; they kept on following Christ as He went from one place to another. The next day, after Christ had fed them, they found that His disciples had gone off in a boat and that Jesus was also gone. So they also got into boats and crossed over the sea and went to Capernaum looking for Him.

Joh 6:23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)

Joh 6:24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, [boats] and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

Joh 6:25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

Joh 6:26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Christ tells them that the only reason they were looking for Him was because He had fed them. It wasn't because they were impressed by the miracles He did. In the following verses Jesus will tell them why they are offended by the spiritual truth that He speaks and also, why unconverted and formerly converted people across the ages and today become offended by God level spiritual truth.

He will speak to them using figurative or symbolic language where the words used are not to be understood literally; the symbols used need to be interpreted to discover their hidden and true meaning.

Jesus starts off by telling them something they could understand to a certain extent.

Joh 6:27 Labour not for the meat [food] which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the

Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

He had fed them with bread and fish and they wanted more but Christ tells them that their goal in following Him should not be to get more “meat” or physical food which will not give them everlasting life. They should be looking for that “meat” or food that will give them everlasting life and this meat or food are the words Christ spoke or His teachings.

So, they ask Jesus what is it that they should do to be obeying God or as they said, “....work the works of God” that they may get this meat that doesn’t perish and gives eternal life?

Joh 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

And with this statement, starts a long discussion where Christ will answer their questions with symbolic language and they will become more and more confused about what Christ is actually saying not being able to understand the spiritual meaning of His words.

Jesus tells them that what they have to do to work the works of God is to believe Him whom God the Father has sent.

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

But, its not that simple. The people say they want a sign, which is to say, some miraculous, extraordinary event or occurrence that would prove to them that Jesus was sent by God so that they may believe Him.

Joh 6:30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

In order to be sure Jesus understood what kind of “sign” they wanted, they then gave Him an example of what they meant. Their example was that God gave manna to Israel while it wandered in the desert for 40 years. So, the miracle or sign that they wanted was for Jesus to miraculously give them more physical bread.

Joh 6:31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

Jesus then tells them that the bread that God gave their forefathers in the desert was not the kind of bread He was talking about. In other

words, He was telling them that He would not have physical bread come down on them from heaven as a sign that would prove to them that He came from God.

Joh 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

Here starts Christ's explanation to them of what He was really talking about but in a way they would not understand as He would continue to use symbolic or figurative language. He begins by making a difference between the physical bread Israel received in the desert and the true bread from heaven which is from God the Father.

Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

The true bread that comes down from heaven is Himself. Physical bread can sustain man's mortal life but it cannot give them immortal life as does the bread, Christ Himself, the words He spoke, who came down from heaven.

Upon hearing that there is true bread which is not the same bread as the one Israel ate in the desert, the people then ask to be always given this bread.

Joh 6:34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

Jesus then provides them with more information as to what is this bread of life that comes down from heaven and what needs to be done to get it.

Joh 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Jesus is the bread that gives eternal life. The words that He speaks if understood, show what needs to be done to have eternal life.

But, in order to get the bread of life which is to be able to understand what Jesus is saying, 2 conditions have to be met: it is necessary for them to **come** to Christ and they have to **believe** Him.

Joh 6:36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

They did not believe Christ because it had not been given them by God the Father to come to Christ. It is God the Father who calls men and if called by the Father, Christ says they will come to Him and He will surely accept them.

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Christ will only give understanding to those the Father gives to Him because He did not come to do His own will but the will of the Father who sent Him. God the Father is the highest in authority in God's Kingdom. Christ is carrying out God the Father's will and plan of salvation, not His own. Therefore, since the crowds were not called, they could not come to Him (understand the spiritual truth He taught) and He could not teach it to them as He did to the men God the Father had given Him.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

All those God the Father gives to Christ will be raised up by a resurrection from the dead to eternal spirit life either at Christ's Second Coming or on the Last Great Day after the Great White Throne Judgment if they believe Christ and put into practice what He says.

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

The people then doubted what Jesus had just told them saying how can Jesus have come down from heaven (John 6:38) when we know he was born of Joseph and Mary?

Joh 6:41 The Jews then murmured [expressed their doubts to each other in a low voice about what Jesus had just told them] at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

Joh 6:42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

Then Jesus told them why it was they didn't and couldn't understand how it was that He was the bread that came from heaven and which gives life (immortal).

Joh 6:43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

And here is one of those Bible verses that has created so much confusion in men's minds and in the religious organizations of this world. No one can, on his own, decide to come to Christ and be saved. The holy spirit God the Father is the only one who can make it possible for men to come to Jesus. The holy spirit God the Father is the one who decides who is called and the time of their calling.

Men are not, and cannot ever be called, by the exalted preachings of men, converted and unconverted, who see themselves as having a mission to go out into the world on what they call "soul saving crusades".

The holy spirit God the Father is the one who calls men to salvation by opening their minds to understand spiritual truth and bring them to the point where they have enough comprehension to know they have to make the decision to either commit themselves to obey Him or to go back into the world. Those that commit themselves to obey Him are then given over to Christ who is the holy spirit of the God family responsible for teaching all things (John 14:26; 1John 2:27) to God the Father's chosen ones.

Up to that point, Jesus has been telling them that His Father is the one that makes it possible for men to come to Him (John 6:44) and that He, Christ is the one that gives the world life (John 6:33). The holy spirit God the Father calls men by opening their minds to understand spiritual truth and the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman made flesh (Jesus} is the one who will then continue teaching them.

They, them and us today, shall all be taught of, or by God; first by God the Father while being called and then, by God the Word after they have accepted their calling.

They, them and us today, shall all be made to understand spiritual truth by God **not by men**.

Since the ascension of Christ to His Father in heaven, those called and

chosen are taught by Christ in writing, God's holy Bible as they study it (Heb 1:1-2).

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Heb 1:2 Hath **in these last days** spoken unto us **by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Continuing now with John 6, we read of Jesus reminding the Jews that the Scriptures which they said they believed and understood so well, clearly say that "...they shall all be taught of God...."

Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And **they shall be all taught of God**. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Before being able to come to Jesus, men are first have to be taught by the holy spirit God the Father.: "... **Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father** cometh unto me."

Joh 6:46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

But, no man has seen the Father except Jesus. The Father is a spirit being (John 4:24) and spirit is invisible to flesh-and-blood human beings. Only Jesus, the holy spirit God the Word was made flesh and therefore, visible to other men.

Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Joh 6:48 I am that bread of life.

Joh 6:49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

Joh 6:50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Their forefathers had eaten manna or physical bread that rained down upon them in the desert from the physical heaven we can see when we look out into the sky and they had grown old and died. It was not the bread that gave eternal life. Jesus tells the Jews that He is the bread that came down from heaven from God the Father that if a man eats of it,

he will not die.

Eating Jesus as the bread of life here is a symbolic way of saying that for men to ever be able to have eternal life, they must believe (eat) Jesus who is the only one sent by God the Father in a manner visible to men (not as an invisible spirit being) to show men (those that God the Father calls) the **way** to salvation.

Then, as Jesus continues to speak about who He is and what He is doing, He says the following which causes more confusion in the minds of those listening to Him.

Joh 6:51 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.

Joh 6:52 The Jews therefore strove **[argued]** among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

Joh 6:53 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.**

The Jews tried as hard as they could to make sense of what Jesus had just said. Of course, Jesus was not saying they should literally eat His flesh and drink His blood. This was referring to the New Testament Passover ceremony where **symbolically**, Christians eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ as a way each year of affirming and confirming their belief that Jesus was the promised Messiah or Christ, who was the Son of God, and whose death on the stake was the perfect sacrifice accepted by God the Father for the forgiveness of the sins of those called, chosen and faithful.

The Jews, the other tribes of Israel and the Gentiles must all believe that Christ's sacrifice is what makes salvation possible. All mankind will be given the opportunity to do so before the end of God's plan of salvation for mankind during the Millennium and during the Last Great Day when all men will be called by God the Father.

If we understand the symbolism of what Christ is saying we can also then easily understand the meaning of the following verses.

Joh 6:54 **Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.**

Joh 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

Joh 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

The holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman dwells in all true Christians who are remaining faithful. The mind of Christ is in them and they now try to obey God in all things as best they can.

Joh 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

Those who believe (eat) Christ shall live as He did; their desire will be to obey God the Father.

Joh 6:58 This is that bread [information given you by myself, Christ, about how to be saved] which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna,[physical bread] and are dead: he that eateth of this bread [believes what I teach] shall live for ever.

Joh 6:59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

Some are Offended

The Jews were not being called and they were unable to understand spiritual truth. The plainest example of this we find in John 3.

Joh 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

Joh 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Nicodemus thought that what Christ meant by being born again was for a man to re-enter his mothers womb and be born again as he was the first time. Christ then proceeded to give him more information but he still did not understand what Jesus meant by being born again and neither do the religious organizations of this world.

If we go back to John 6, we find that many of those who followed Christ had not and could not understand what He had just told them

Joh 6:60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

They were unable to understand what Christ said/meant because it was spiritual truth which they could only have understood were they being called by God the Father.

Joh 6:61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, **Doth this offend you?**

In other words, do you find what I have just said to be so incredible and so completely nonsensical that it has caused you like many of the Jews to no longer believe who I am and what I say?

And here, Christ tells His disciples that if He were to give them a sign; if they were to personally witness a supernatural, extraordinary, miraculous event would they then believe Him?

Joh 6:62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

Would you believe who I say I am and what I say if you were to see me ascending back to heaven? And Jesus gives them the answer to His question in the following verse. Even if they saw Him ascending back to His Father in heaven, they would not believe Him.

Why?

Here is Christ's answer to them?

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

In other words, it is through having the holy spirit God the Father with them that it is possible for them to understand the spiritual truth

contained in Christ's words. This is why Christ says the "...**flesh profiteth nothing....**" In other words, it is not possible for men to understand God level spiritual truth without having added to them, the holy spirit God the Father. Our animal brain which has mind power because of the spirit in man does not give human beings the ability to understand spiritual truth. Men must have dwelling in them the holy spirit God the Father and the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman to understand God level spiritual truth.

The following verses of 1Co 2 provide a good explanation of why men cannot understand God's spiritual truth unless called and chosen by God the Father and taught by God the Word and Spokesman. God's spiritual truth cannot be known and understood by using lexicons, Greek and Hebrew dictionaries, concordances, Bible commentaries and other scholarly works of men nor can it be made understandable by the preaching of men. If it were possible to do so, there would be no need for Christ to teach them. This is what Christ meant when He told His disciples that the flesh profiteth nothing (John 6:63).

Some religious groups in the world have interpreted Christ's words as meaning that the physical bodies created in the likeness of God is evil and that truly religious men should hide it to the greatest extent possible covering themselves with tent-like garments to hide as much of the body as possible. But, men are made in the likeness of God and the Bible says:

Psa 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

Joh 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?** he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, **Shew us the Father?**

Let's read through 1Co 2: 11-14.

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth **the things of a man**, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

Men's animal brain has a spirit essence in it which God calls the spirit in man.

Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

It gives man's animal brain mind power which no other animal created by God has. This spirit essence makes it possible for men to know and understand the things of a man. All men have the ability to feel emotions, learn languages, fall in love, appreciate a beautiful sunrise or a spectacular sunset, enjoy music, etc. These and many other things are the things men have in common or as the Bible states it: "...the things of a man...."

However, the things of God are of another level of existence and cannot be known or understood by men's minds without God adding another spirit to them. They need to have the holy spirit God the Father (upon being called) and the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman (once chosen) to enable them to know and understand God level spiritual truth. This knowledge and understanding is provided to those called by the holy spirit God the Father, and once chosen, by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman sharing thoughts from His mind to the minds of truly converted Christians as they study God's holy Bible.

1Co 2:12 Now we [truly converted Christians] have received, [have had added to us another spirit] not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God [the holy spirits of the God family (God and the Word)]; that we might [who will make it possible for us] know the things that are freely given to us of God.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost [the holy spirit God the Father while being called and the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman for those who accept their calling] teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man [who does not have God and the Word dwelling in Him teaching and revealing spiritual truth to him] receiveth not [does not accept and cannot understand] the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. [can only be known, accepted and understood by having the holy spirits God and the Word dwelling in them]

Now, let's pursue with our reading of John 6.

Joh 6:64 But there are some of you [among the disciples who followed Him; there were more than the 12 chosen by Christ] that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not [among those who followed Him], and who should betray him [in the days when He would be brought to trial before the Roman authorities and condemned to die on the stake].

And here again as in John 6:44, Jesus tells them why it is they didn't believe Him.

Joh 6:65 And he said, **Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.**

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman is responsible for teaching all things to God the Father's called and chosen ones. When Peter declared that Christ was the son of God, Christ told him that flesh and blood had not revealed that to him but His Father in heaven.

Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said,
Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him,
Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood
hath not revealed it unto thee, but **my Father which
is in heaven.**

Now going back to John 6.

Joh 6:66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. [These were the other disciples that followed Him; these were not the 12 disciples chosen by Christ.]

Then Christ turned to the 12 disciples He had chosen and asked them if they felt the same way.

Joh 6:67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, **Will ye also go away?**

Joh 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

Joh 6:69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

What is said in John 6:67-68 and previously in John 6:44 is precisely what Christ was saying in figurative language to the Jews. Eating Christ as the bread of life was believing who He was and what He told them about what men had to do to have eternal life.

Joh 6:70 Jesus answered them, **Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?**

Here is another important truth spoken by Christ and this is that although the twelve were chosen by Him, one of them would betray Him. This serves to prove that being called and chosen is no guarantee of eternal life or salvation. It is necessary to remain faithful and Jesus is clear that though many are called few are chosen (Mat 22:14), and that few of the chosen remain faithful (Mat 7:13).

Joh 6:71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

Conclusion

At the beginning of this study, we said we would seek to determine if indeed, we had seen Christ and the miracles He did, we would have believed His teachings and would have become converted.

We also wanted to find out why it was that people, unconverted and converted, got offended by the truth of the Bible.

The incident described in John 6 should serve to provide us with answers to both of these questions. The unconverted crowds of people who followed Christ as best they could wherever He went witnessed many of Christ's miracle but this never led to them becoming converted. Some patiently continued to follow Christ even though they too didn't understand the parables. These are the disciples that were not part of the 12 chosen by Christ.

They were all not being called by the holy spirit God the Father and no matter how spectacular and extraordinary were the miracles they saw, they could not come to Christ to be taught. God the Father decides who and when someone is to be called and there is nothing men can do to change that in any way.

Rom 9:10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

Rom 9:11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Rom 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

Rom 9:15 For he saith to Moses, **I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.**

Rom 9:16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

God has a plan and method He is following in the administration of His great, master plan of salvation for mankind. He is the one who decides who and when individuals are to be called. It is only God the Father by a great one time miracle who can open up the minds of men to accept, understand and not immediately reject as foolishness the God level spiritual truth found in the Bible.

It is simply not possible for men to know and understand the spiritual truth of God even if they were to be taught by Christ in person and, even if they were to see astounding miracles, unless the holy spirit God the Father calls them.

And, if God the Father calls them, they don't even need to see miracles to become converted.

Those not called by the holy spirit God the Father will always be offended by one or more of the truths of the Bible. There will always be some of them that go squarely against what they believe or which condemn some of their lifestyle choices which they don't want to change.

The truly converted can also become offended as they learn and understand more and more of God's truth and come upon a truth that shows them that a certain personal view or practice which is really important

to them is wrong according to God and that they must try to the best of their abilities to change their ways. Many of the truly converted do and can become offended and go back into the world because they refuse God's correction.

Is it therefore useful to preach to the unconverted masses of the world which God plainly tells us are not now being called and whose calling will occur during the Millennium and during the Last Great Day? As concerns the truly converted, their salvation is between God and themselves; there is no man standing between them and God to make salvation possible. It is all God's doing and conversion is something that happens in men's minds, an attitude of obedience to God in all things and their teacher is the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman, working in the minds of God the Father's chosen as they study the sure word of God, God's holy Bible, which is Christ in writing.

God level spiritual truth can only be known by revelation from God to those called and chosen by the holy spirit God the Father.

