

Why Jesus Confused the Crowd on Purpose

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Scripture:

"Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.'"

-John 6:68

Jesus didn't always aim to be understood.

Sometimes He said things that stirred questions—

"Eat my flesh."

"Drink my blood."

In John 6, Jesus had just fed thousands.

But then He said, "Unless you

eat the flesh of the Son

of Man and drink His blood,

you have no life in you.

Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks

My blood has eternal life."

(John 6:53-54) To Jewish ears, this was shocking.

God had said, "The life

is in the blood" (Leviticus

17), and drinking blood was forbidden.

It meant taking a life-and life belonged to God.

When the crowd thinned, Jesus didn't chase them.

He turned to the twelve and asked,

"Do you want to leave too?"

Peter didn't say, "We understand."

He said, "Where else would we go?"

You don't know this about Jesus-but

He confused the crowd on purpose.

Not to push them away, but to see

who was hungry enough to stay.

So was Jesus asking them to break the Law?

No.

He was revealing a truth deeper than the Law itself.

Jesus' blood wasn't taken.

It was given.

"No one takes my life from me.

I lay it down of my own accord."

(John 10:18) Jesus didn't lose His life-He gave it.

And in giving it, He invites us to receive it.

You may not know this about

Jesus--to drink His blood is to receive

His life-a life offered willingly, sacrificially, eternally.

Jesus didn't confuse to be cruel.

He confused to reveal.

He wasn't testing their intelligence.

He was testing their hunger.

When Jesus unsettles you, do you
walk away-or stay hungry at the table?

Jesus, I won't chase clarity.

I'll stay close.

I'll drink the cup-not just to remember

Your death, but to receive Your life.

The life You laid down.

The life You now offer.

The life that lives in me.

Amen.