

## SUNDAY EVENING

EATING HIS BODY AND DRINKING HIS BLOOD?

2/21/2021

Text: John 6:33-35, 47-58

Theme: What does Christ mean?

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From John 6 eating the body and drinking the blood of Christ. Is Christ teaching transubstantiation? (vv. 53-55)

1. In the context Christ was using metaphors

**Actual vs literal**

**Figure of speech: metaphor**

2. The words were spoken to convey spiritual meaning, not a physical one (vv. 54, 63)
3. It would be sin and cannibalistic to eat someone's flesh and drink their blood (Acts 15: 20; Gen 9:4; Lev 17:11, 12)

For a Jew this was strictly forbidden by God for men to literally drink of another's blood or eat his flesh. They were unclean just by touching a dead body.

4. The literal would have to one day become figurative
5. Christ was appealing to them to abide in Him (6:56; 15:4)
6. Notice some of the statements in the context (vv. 33-35, 41, 42)

How could He be sitting there in the flesh and then say that they are literally eating His flesh and drinking His blood?