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The background image shows the ruins of the Synagogue in Capernaum, featuring several standing stone columns and a partially collapsed wall under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

# Difficult Passages: Eat My Flesh

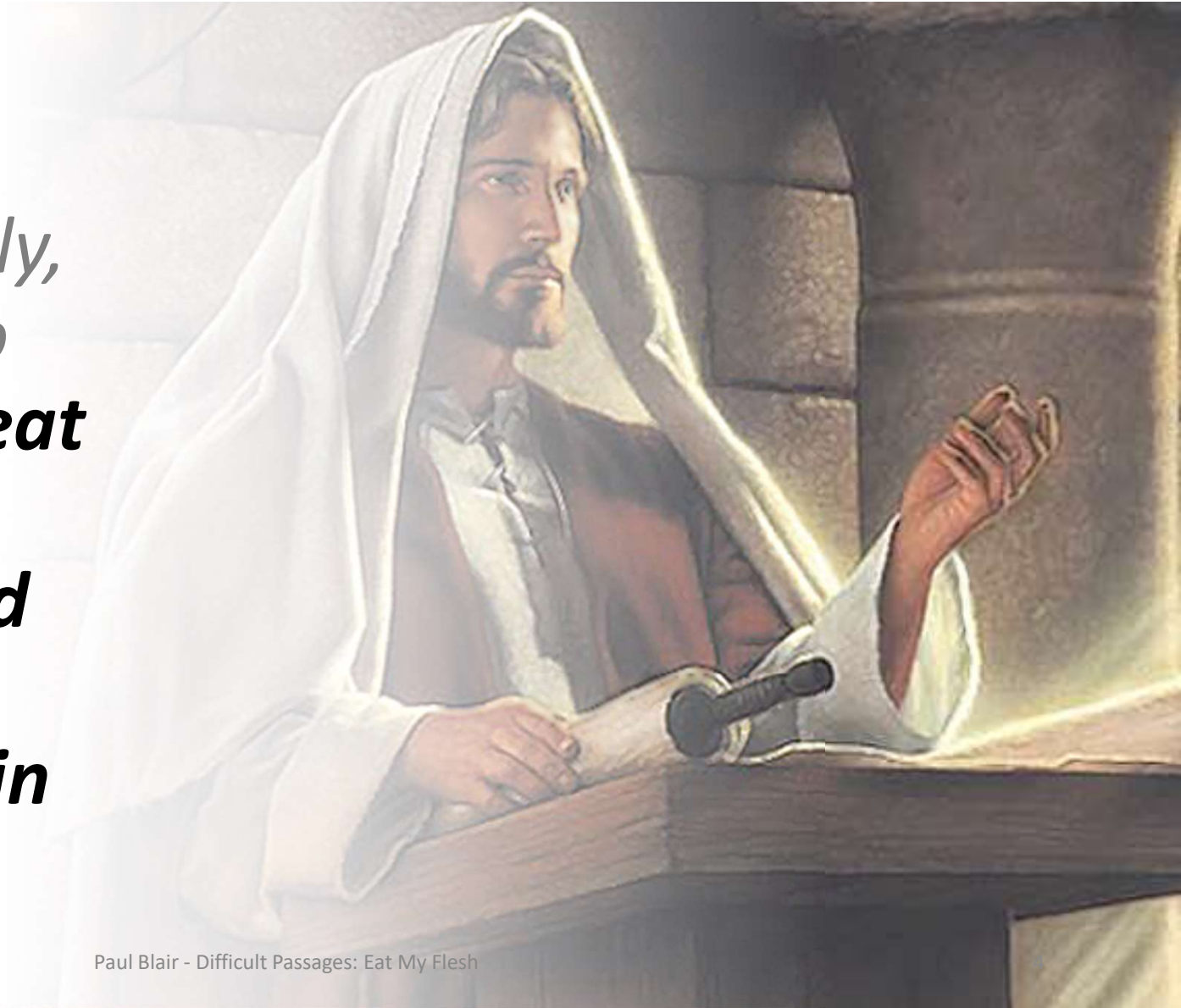


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## Council of Trent, 1215 AD

*“...this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood.”*

*In this chapter, Saint John describes the winnowing effect of the Eucharist.*

*The chapter begins with large crowds following Jesus everywhere, but as Jesus proclaims in serious unequivocal terms, “Unless you eat my body and drink my blood, there is no life in you,” the crowds dwindle down to the Jewish leaders and then to His disciples until only the Twelve are remaining.*







POINT 1: Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been using earthly terminology to describe spiritual truths and has been misunderstood repeatedly.

- In John 2, Jesus speaks to the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem about "destroying this temple" and in three days He will raise it up. They took Him to be referring to the literal Temple, but He was speaking of His body. (2:19-22).



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- In John 4, Jesus talks to the Samaritan Woman at Sychar's well about living water. She says "You don't have anything to draw with."

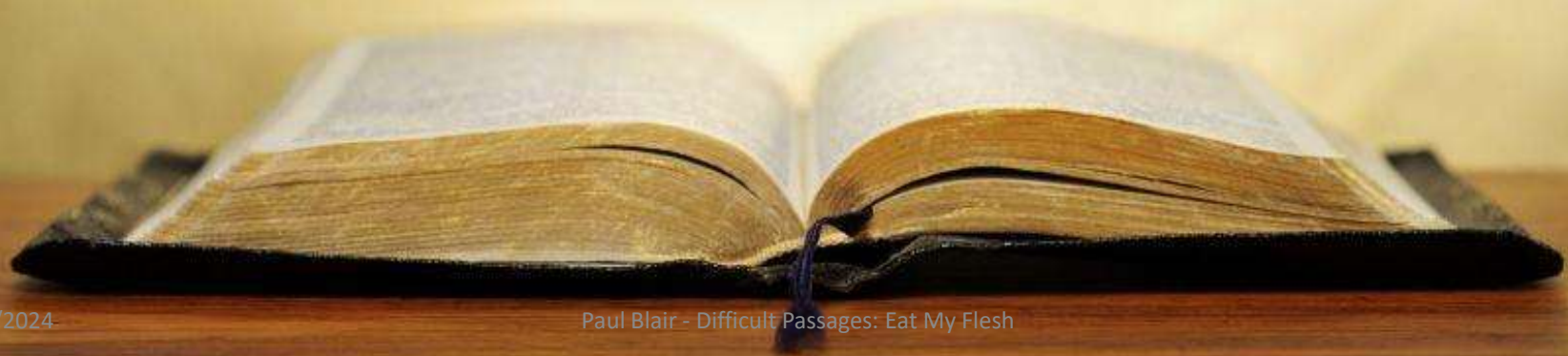
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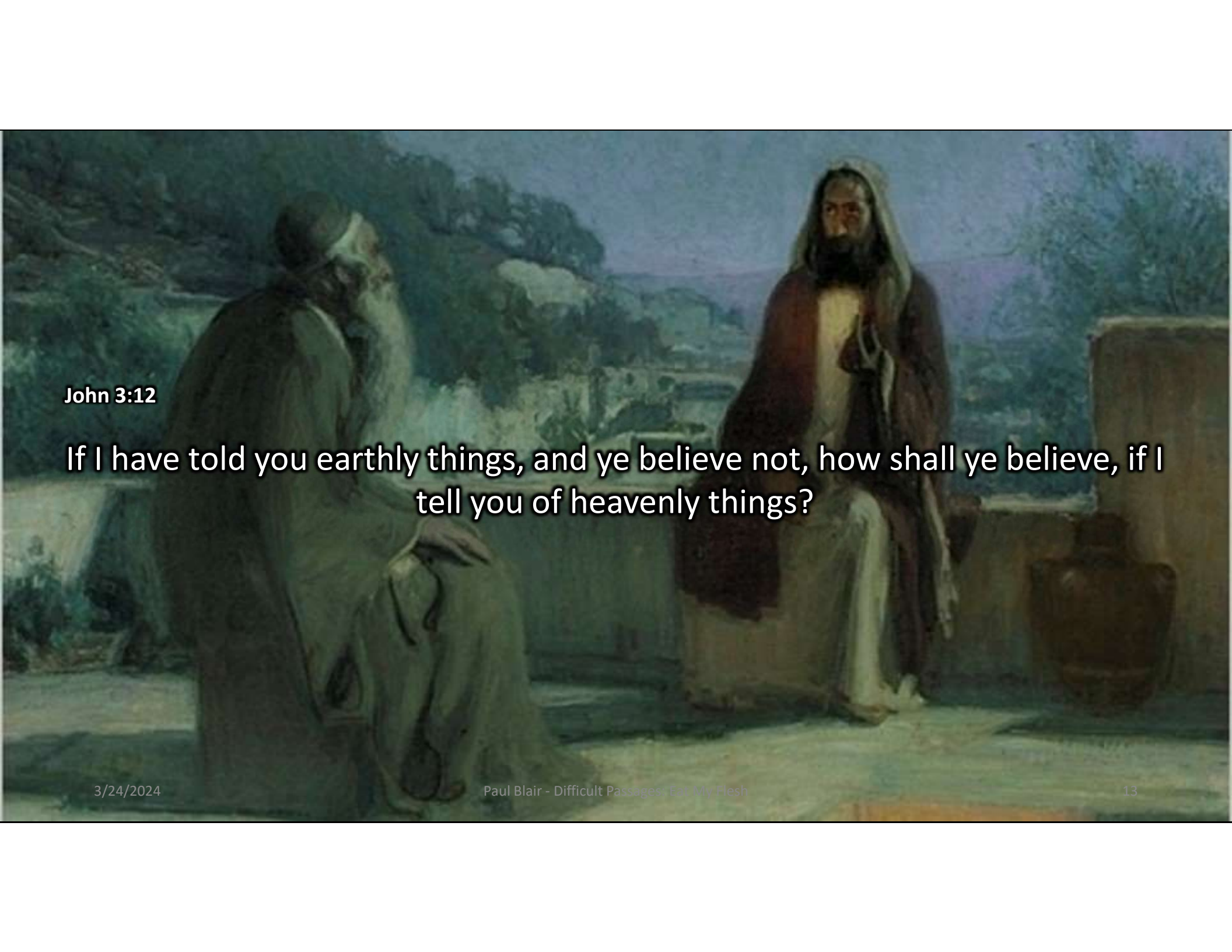
- In John 11, Jesus told the disciple that Lazarus was asleep. They said, "That'll be good for him." Jesus then added, "No, he's dead."



John 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.”



A painting depicting a scene from the Bible. On the left, a man with a long white beard, wearing a dark robe, is seated and looking towards the right. On the right, a man with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a red robe over a white tunic, is seated and looking back at the first man. They are in an outdoor setting with a stone wall and a large jar on the right, and a hilly landscape in the background.

**John 3:12**

**If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?**

**POINT 2:** This was specifically listed in the Law and Jesus came to fulfill not destroy the Law.



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Lev 17:11-12

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, **No soul of you shall eat blood**, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood

Matt 5:17

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

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POINT 3: This is consistent with other physical illustrations for spiritual truths that John recorded Jesus using throughout this Gospel.

- **In John 7, Jesus claimed to be living water.** But we don't have pitchers of Holy Water in our churches, saying "have a glass or you aren't saved" every Sunday morning.
- **In John 8, Jesus says "I am the light of the world."** But we don't have "Jesus" light bulbs in the sanctuaries claiming salvation when the light's turned on.

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- **In John 10, Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd.”** But we don’t crawl on all four and say “baa” every Sunday morning.
- **In John 10, Jesus says, “I am the door.”** But we don’t have a big door with Jesus above the top and walk through it every Sunday morning.

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- **In John 15, Jesus says, “I am the vine.”** But we don’t hand out pots and potting soil when you arrive.



Underline the straightforward truth claims.

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# Jesus Ministry Year 1



- **Miracle at Cana.**
- **Attended the first Passover in Jerusalem cleansing the temple accusing them of turning His Father's house into a House of Merchandise.**
- **He had had his private visit with Nicodemus, met the Samaritan woman at Sychar's well and been rejected in his return to Nazareth.**

# Jesus Ministry Year 1



- He had moved to Capernaum and preached the Sermon on the Mount.
- He healed the Lame man at the Pool of Bethesda during the Fall feast of Tabernacles.
- He had sent the Twelve out to preach the gospel of the Kingdom only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. After their return, word reached them that John the Baptist had been killed.

# Jesus Ministry Year 1



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- He was tired and wanted some rest. Chapter 6 opens telling us that **Passover would soon be coming.** (This is a significant note for this incident.)
- There was no place for Jesus to escape. A crowd followed Him and He had compassion on them.



# Jesus Ministry Year 1



- Fed them.
- Placed His disciples on a ship, said He would meet them later and went up to pray alone.
- That night He walked across the Sea of Galilee, rescued his disciples and was at the other side.







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John 6:22-25

**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;**

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

**24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.**





<sup>25</sup> And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, ***Rabbi, when camest thou hither?***



**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.**

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John 6:26-27

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Deut 18:18-19

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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.**



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

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





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.***



## Deut 8:3

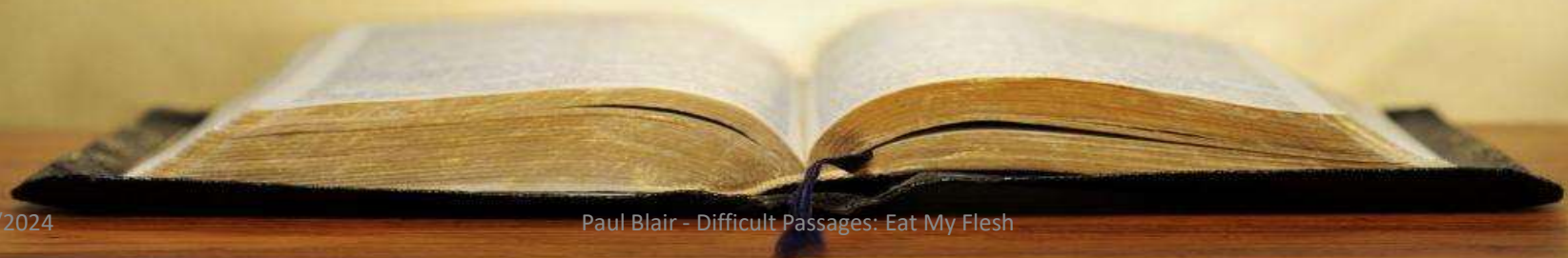
*And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.*



John 6:33-34

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

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John 4:13-15



***Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.***





*The woman saith  
unto him, **Sir, give  
me this water, that I  
thirst not, neither  
come hither to draw.***

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.



John 6:36-40

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

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

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

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.

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.**



**41 The Jews then murmured (grumbled) at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.**

**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?***





John 6:43-45

**43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.**

**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.**

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John 6:45-51

**Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.**

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

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

**48 I am that bread of life.**

**49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.**

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

**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.**





John 6:49-50

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John 6:52-53

**At this, the Judeans disputed with one another, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”**

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# How can you miss the point He is making?

- John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
- John 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.
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- John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

John 6:53-57

**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.**

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

**For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.**

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





This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

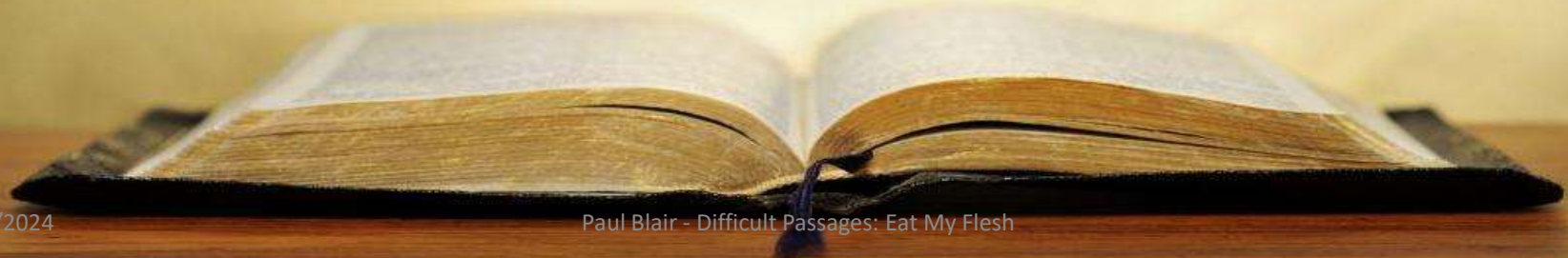




John 6:61-62

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John 6:66

**From that time many of his disciples  
went back, and walked no more with  
him.**



John 6:67

**Then said Jesus unto the twelve,  
Will ye also go away?**

John 6:68-69

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

And **we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.**



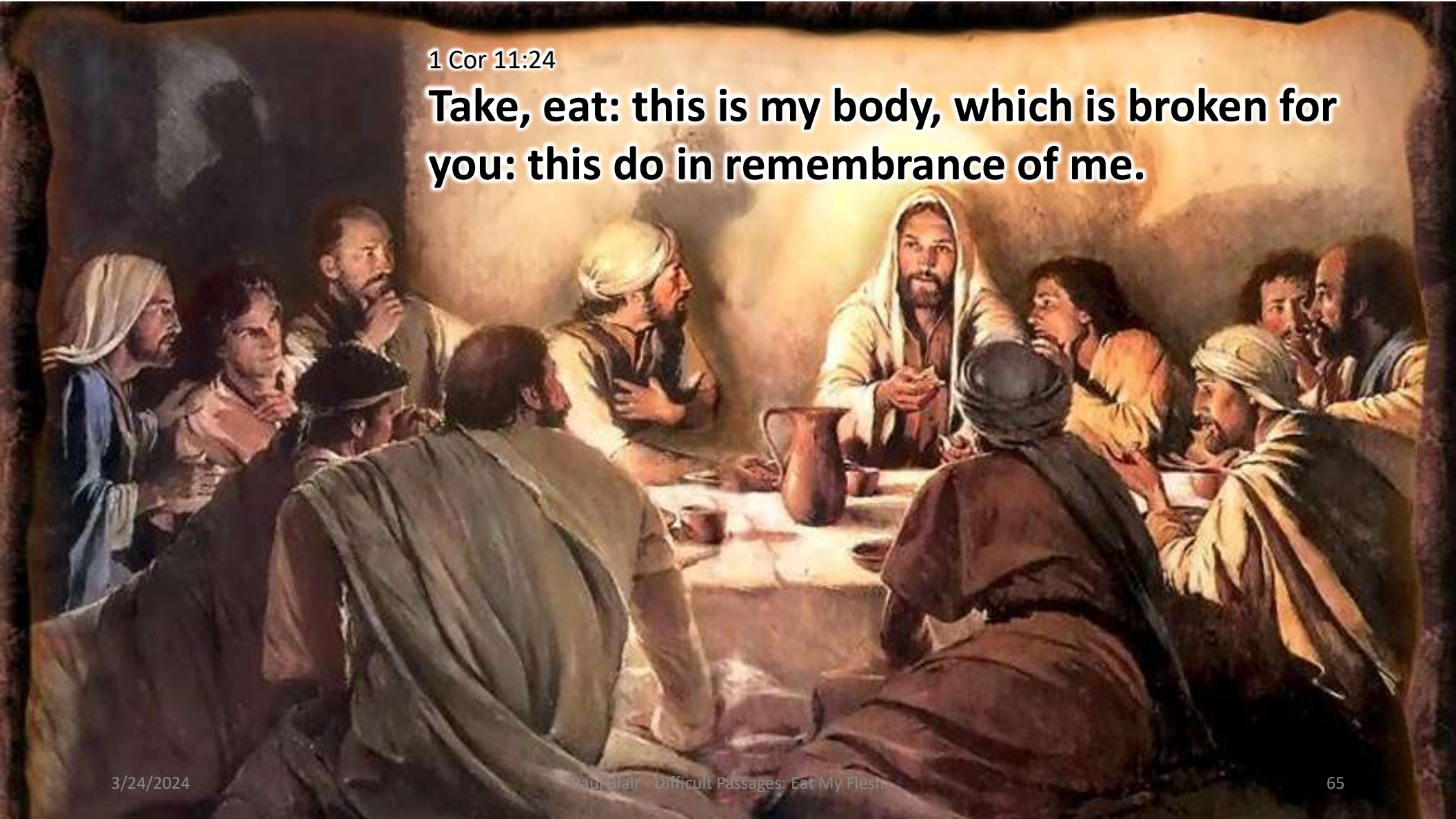
John 6:4

**And the passover, a feast of the Jews,  
was nigh.**



1 Cor 11:24

**Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.**



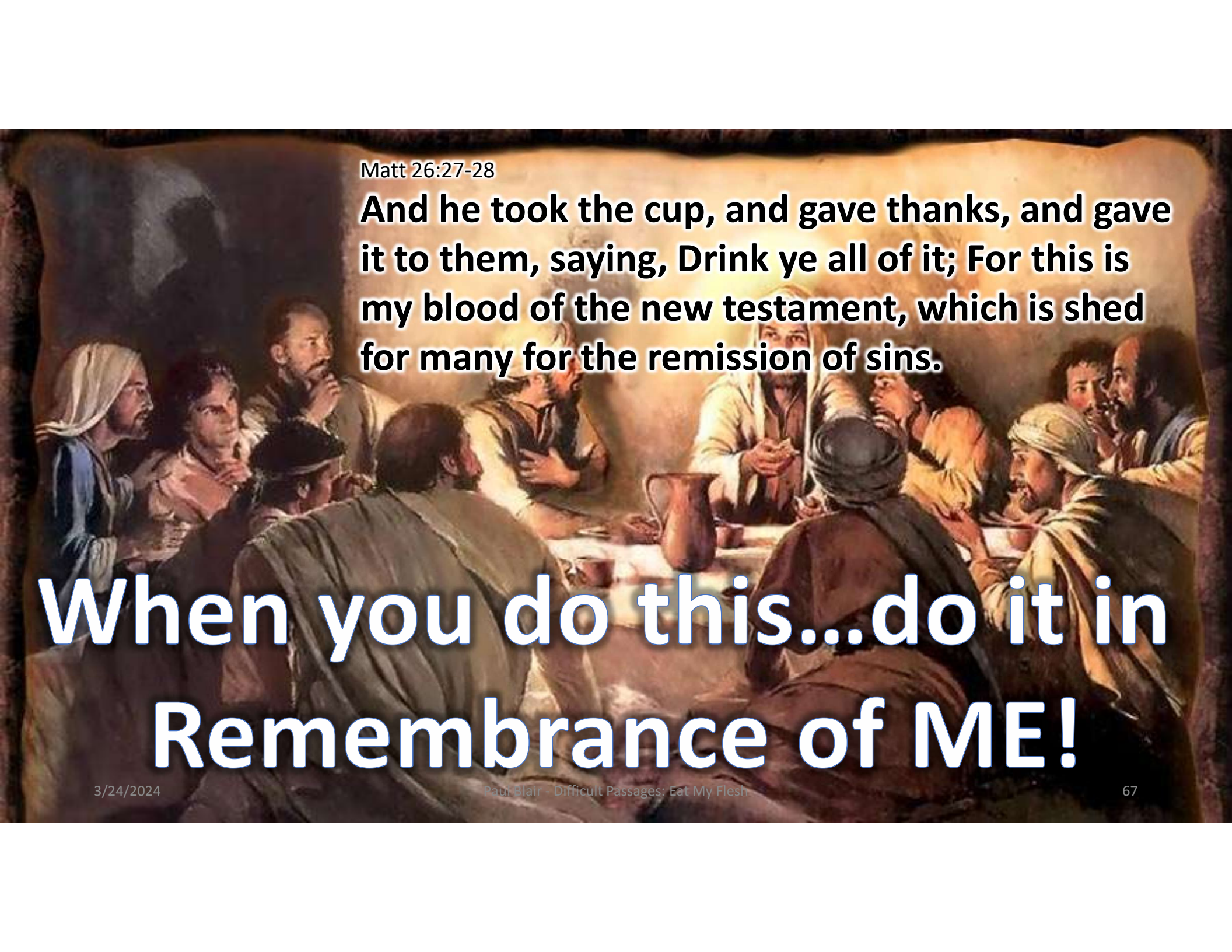




Matt 26:27-28

**And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**





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