

**Preparation Questions John 6.41-71**  
**A divisive rescuer**

**Opener:** What aspects of Jesus' teaching do we and our friends find difficult to stomach?

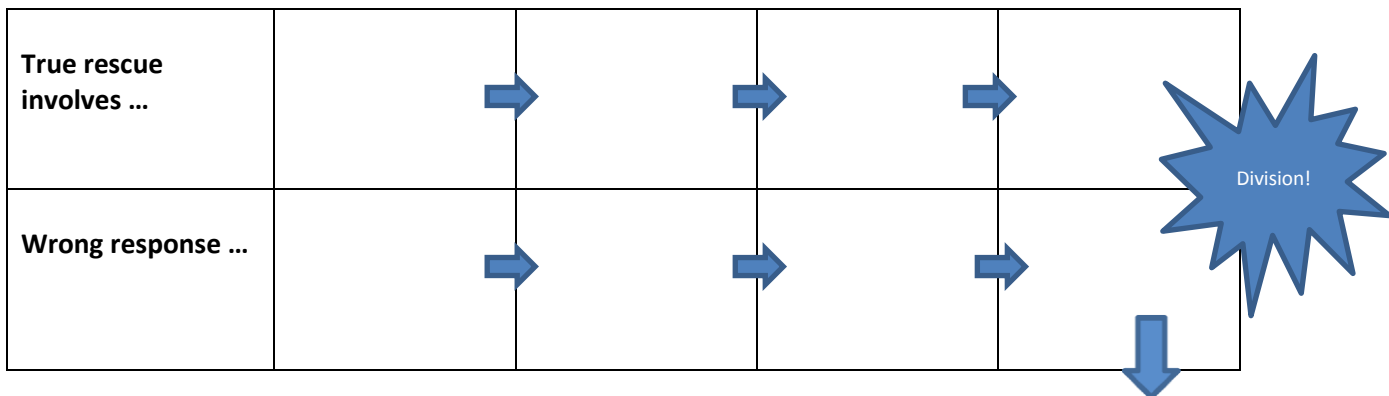
**Text1:** Why are the Jews grumbling in v41-42?

**Text2:** How does Jesus explain their refusal to accept him in v44-46?

**Text3:** Try filling in the table based on v47-51 & 53-58 (and v32-35 if you like) to compare the 'bread' Jesus brings compared to the manna in the wilderness.

	Manna	Jesus' bread
<b>What is it?</b>		
<b>What does it achieve?</b> (NB. Given it's Passover time, Jesus description of receiving his bread as eating his flesh and drinking his blood would probably cause his hearers to thinking of the Passover lamb.)		
<b>How do you 'eat' /benefit?</b> (Comparing v40 and v54 and v47 & v51 and looking at v35 & 63 may help.)		

**Text4:** From the whole of chapter 6 try to sum up in 3-4 steps the big things Jesus has gradually revealed about his rescue and what we've seen about the developing reaction of those who eventually turned away?



**Ones to chew on:** Given v60 & 66 are such defining moments ... try to put your finger on what the passage reveals about why many disciples walk away from Jesus (v63 is particularly helpful)? How, today, do we see people turning away offended by Jesus' teaching about his death, our sin and his centrality to his rescue operation? What will the right response (eg v43-46, 56-58, 68-69) look like in practise in our lives this year?