

Week of October 1, 2023
Series: The Story, Ch. 8, Pt. 4
Sermon: This is a Hard Saying
Text: John 6:60-71

Sermon Outline:

1. Some of Jesus' teachings are hard to hear. (60)
2. Some of Jesus' teachings are hard to believe. (61-65)
3. That doesn't mean they aren't true. (66-71)

Discussion Questions:

1. If applicable, which passages below have been hard for you to hear and why?
 - Matthew 5:21-26
 - Matthew 5:27-30
 - Matthew 5:31-37
 - Matthew 5:38-48
 - Matthew 6:25-34
 - Matthew 10:37
 - Luke 9:23-25
 - Luke 12:51-53
 - Matthew 19:23-24
 - Any others?
2. If applicable, which basic orthodox Christian beliefs and biblical narratives below have been hard for you to believe?
 - There is one God, who has existed for all eternity in three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit.
 - He spoke all things into existence from nothing.
 - He created mankind in His image to know Him.
 - We rebelled against Him and plunged the world into chaos, and brokenness, and sin.
 - He has a plan to redeem and restore all things to Himself, through the person and work of His Son.
 - He was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit.
 - He lived a perfect life, died substitutionary death, and was raised on the 3rd day.
 - He now ruling and reigning over all things.
 - One day, at a day and an hour known only by God the Father, the eastern sky will rend itself open, Christ will return bodily, the dead in Christ will rise, and all things will be made new again.
 - The Red Sea parting.
 - The 10 Commandments being given to Moses.
 - The conquering of Canaan, the power of the Ark.
 - The sun standing still so Joshua could win a battle.
 - Jesus walking on water, healing the blind, raising the dead.
 - The inspiration of the Scriptures.
 - Anything else?
3. What is it about Jesus, what is it about His Word, what is it about His Kingdom... that even in the midst of doubt, makes you confident you will not waver in your faith?