

**“I am the
bread of
life”**

John 6:35



Stumbling in the Lord's teachings



1. The one about eating His Body

- “Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, ‘This is a hard saying; who can understand it?’” *John 6:60*
- The Jews also stumbled as their eyes were blind: “And they said, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, “I have come down from heaven”?’” *John 6:42*



2. Nicodemus also struggled with another sacrament

- “Nicodemus said to Him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?’” *John 3:4*



3. St. Peter stumbled on hearing about the Lord's Passion

- “Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, ‘Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!’”

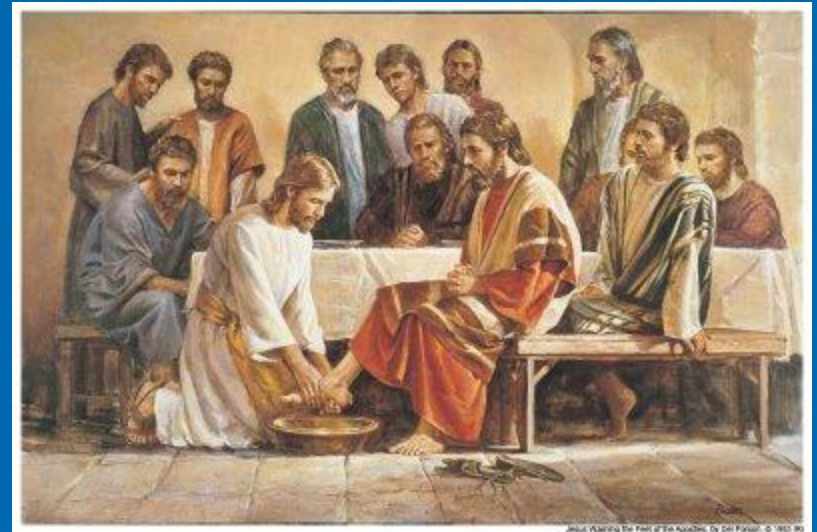
Matthew 16:22



4. St. Peter stumbled again with the Lord's gesture of humility

- “Peter said to Him, ‘You shall never wash my feet!’”

John 13:8



5. The command about marriage was another difficult teaching

- “And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery. His disciples said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” *Matthew 19:9-10*



6. The Lord's teaching about being rich astonished His disciples

- “And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” *Matthew 19:24-25*



How we should deal with “difficult” teachings

1. We have to make sure that we have the right understanding.
2. We may need to do it now and understand it later.
3. The faith factor (the mysteries)
4. The experience of the power of the Word can be the best explainer.
5. Acquiring the mind of the spiritual man

