A Double Disappointment
John 6:66-71

Introduction:
A. We are disappointed when our expectations are not met.
   1. We may have unreasonable and faulty expectations.
   2. We may have reasonable and legitimate expectations.
B. We read in our text of a double disappointment — both Jesus and disciples.

Discussion:
I. Many Disciples Became Disappointed in Jesus (v. 66).
A. Some expected a political savior (v. 15).
   1. Had been under foreign occupation for many years.
   2. Jesus’ did not come to set up a political kingdom (John 18:36).
   3. People still expect the church to be a political tool.
B. Some expected a physical savior (v. 2, 26).
   1. Christ did not come to relieve the world of poverty (cf. Mt. 26:11).
   2. Christ did not come to relieve the world of hunger and disease.
   3. People still expect his church to have a physical mission:
      a. Disappointed when it is not a social-welfare center.
      b. Disappointed when it is not in hospital and nursing home business.
      c. Disappointed when it is not a “family life center” or “community center.”
C. Some expected a spiritual savior and were not disappointed (v. 68).
   1. “Words of eternal life” is most important (v. 27).
   2. “Words of eternal life” is the church’s business (cf. 1 Tim. 3:15)
   3. “Words of eternal life” only found in Lord and his church — other things elsewhere.

II. Jesus Became Disappointed in Many of His Disciples (v. 67).
A. He had a right to expect their loyalty.
   1. He had taught them.
   2. He had performed for them (vv. 2, 14; cf. Matt. 9:5,6).
B. He still has the right to expect our loyalty.
   1. He loved us enough to die for us (Eph. 5:2, 25).
   2. He has taught us (Heb. 1:1,2).
   3. He is our Lord and king (Acts 2:36; Rev. 17:14).

Discussion:
A. Come to Christ and His church expecting the wrong things will be disappointed.
B. Come to Christ and His church and be faithful — will not be disappointed.