

# John 6:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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The Jews murmured about Jesus' claim to be bread from heaven, echoing their ancestors' murmuring against God in the wilderness (Exodus 16:2). Murmuring reveals unbelief and rebellion. Their offense at His claim shows how divine truth offends natural understanding. The Reformed doctrine affirms that natural man cannot receive spiritual truth apart from grace (1 Corinthians 2:14).

## Historical Context

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Murmuring (Greek: *gonguzo*) was characteristic of Israel in the wilderness, expressing discontent with God's provision. The parallel between this crowd and their ancestors demonstrates that unbelief transcends generations when hearts are hard.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does 'murmuring' reveal underlying unbelief and resistance to God's truth?

2. What does the parallel between this crowd and Israel in the wilderness teach about patterns of unbelief?

## Interlinear Text

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'Εγόγγυζον	οὖν	τοῦ	Ἰουδαῖοι	περὶ	αὐτοῦ	ὅτι	εἶπεν
<b>murmured</b>	<b>then</b>	<b>which</b>	<b>The Jews</b>	<b>at</b>	<b>him</b>	<b>because</b>	<b>he said</b>
G1111	G3767	G3588	G2453	G4012	G846	G3754	G2036
'Εγώ	είμι	τοῦ	ἄρτος	τοῦ	καταβὰς	ἐκ	τοῦ
<b>I</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>which</b>	<b>the bread</b>	<b>which</b>	<b>came down</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>which</b>
G1473	G1510	G3588	G740	G3588	G2597	G1537	G3588
							heaven
							G3772

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 6:33** (Parallel theme): For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

**John 6:48** (Parallel theme): I am that bread of life.

**John 6:60** (Parallel theme): Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

**John 6:66** (Parallel theme): From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

**John 7:12** (Parallel theme): And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.