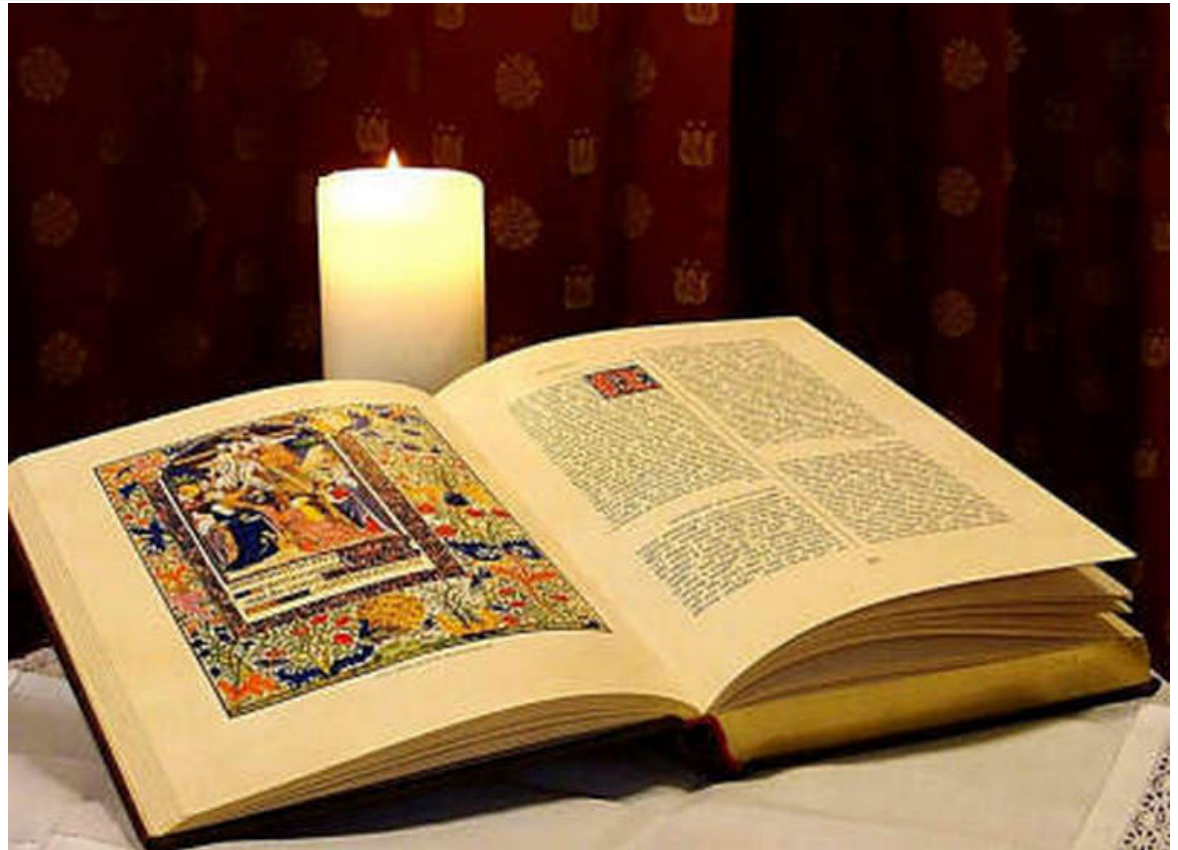


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Do you want to go away as well? (John 6: 67)

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to

you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” (John 6: 60-69)

Jesus knows what is stirring in people's hearts. Therefore, He is also aware of their doubts and temptations. That is why, after proclaiming the kingdom of heaven, Jesus does not try to hold back those who do not confidently surrender their will to Him. But for those who trust in Jesus and His words, great possibilities open up that were previously unthinkable. What do we want to do? Do we want to trust Jesus completely or to continue to do our own thing? There is no middle way.