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:67 So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?” His question anticipates a negative answer: “You surely don’t also wish to go back, do you?” **:68-69 Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words (rhēma) of eternal life. :69 We have believed and have to come know that You are the Holy One of God.” :68-69 Here Peter speaks on behalf of the Twelve, making a full confession of faith in Jesus as the Holy One of God. **:68** Peter had caught that Jesus truly was the Bread of Life. Life is found in the Father, Jesus, and the Spirit alone. Peter’s loyalty was based on a personal relationship to Jesus. Once a person has tasted the life that Jesus offers, nothing else satisfies. “3 things we can’t deny: there are Your words**

and there are Your signs and there is You!”

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