

HIS COMMAND LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE

John 12:37-50

Key Verse: 12:50

1. Read verses 37-41. What was the continuing response of the Jewish leaders to the miraculous signs which Jesus did in their presence? How did their unbelief fulfill the words of Isaiah? ([37,38]; Isa 53:1; Isa 6:10; [39-40])

2. What did Isaiah teach about this unbelief and rejection of Jesus? What does unbelief do to men's hearts and eyes? What do those who reject Jesus miss?

3. Read verse 41. How did Isaiah see and write about Jesus' glory? (Isa 53:3-6) How does the Jewish unbelief reveal God's sovereignty?

4. Read verses 42-43. Why did some who believed in him not confess their faith? (Compare 5:44) What can we learn here about the reason for unbelief? From a human point of view, why don't men believe—commit themselves to Jesus? How does the rejection and unbelief actually testify to the truthfulness of the gospel?

5. Read verses 44-46. What does it mean to believe in Jesus? What does it mean that Jesus has come into the world as the light? How can we come out of the darkness and live in the light? What are the elements of darkness? How can we seek God? (Compare 1:4,9; 3:19-21; 9:5; 8:12; 14:8-9)

6. Read verses 47-50. Why does Jesus not judge the person who hears his words but does not keep them? What does Jesus say about why he came?

7. What did Jesus believe about God's word? Why did he refuse to judge those who rejected his word? How did he reveal his personal commitment to God and to his word? What happens when one accepts Jesus and his word? (50,40) When one does not?