Why Jesus Was Rejected

John 12:37-50

Introduction:

I. John’s Explanation – 12:37-43

A. Open Unbelief – 12:37-41

1. Deliberately Fostered – 12:37

“But although He had done so many ﻿﻿signs before them, they did not believe in Him.”

2. Divinely Foretold – 12:38-41

“that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:

Lord, who has believed our report? *And to whom has the arm of the Lord* been revealed?” Therefore they could not believe,

because Isaiah said again: *“He* ﻿﻿*has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts,* ﻿﻿*lest they should see with* their *eyes,* lest they should understand with their *hearts and turn,* so that I should heal them.” ﻿

These things Isaiah said ﻿﻿when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.”

B. Secret Belief – 12:42-43

1. Their Conviction – 12:42a

“Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him”

2. Their Cowardice – 12:42b

“but ﻿﻿because of the Pharisees they did not confess *Him,* lest they should be put out of the synagogue;”

3. Their Compromise – 12:43

﻿﻿“for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.”

II. Jesus’ Exhortation – 12:44-50

A. A Great Statement – 12:44-46

1. About Deity – 12:44-45

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“Then Jesus cried out and said, ﻿﻿“He who believes in Me, ﻿﻿believes not in Me ﻿﻿but in Him who sent Me. ﻿And ﻿﻿he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.”

2. About Darkness – 12:46

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“I have come *as* a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”

B. A Grave Judgment – 12:47-50

1. Judgment Decreed – 12:47-48

“And if anyone hears My words and does not ﻿﻿believe, ﻿﻿I do not judge him; for ﻿﻿I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him— ﻿﻿the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”

2. Judgment Deserved – 12:49-50

a. The Source – 12:49

For ﻿﻿I have not spoken on My own *authority;* but the Father, who sent Me, gave Me a command, ﻿﻿what I should say and what I should speak.

b. The Substance – 12:50

And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I ﻿﻿speak.”

Conclusion