

## Jesus is Everything

### John 12:27-50

**vs. 27**, My soul is troubled.  
John highlights Jesus' humanity.  
Jesus is feeling the intensity of what is to come.  
There is sorrow, agony, resolve, and clinging to truth.

Compare and Contrast Jesus with first century expectations of heroes.

Jesus willingly approaches the cross in obedience to his Fathers' will, yet he doesn't ignore the trauma of death.

**vs. 28**, A voice came from heaven:  
God speaks directly and audibly affirming the identity of Jesus.

Remember: John doesn't describe the details of Jesus' baptism.

**Matthew 3:16-17** When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased."

**vs. 29-30**, Persistent blindness and unbelief  
Thunder? An angel?  
The voice was not for my benefit but for yours.

**vs. 31-33**, What will happen in the hour that has come?  
Judgement of this world.  
The ruler of this world will be cast out.

Explanation:

**Revelation 12:9-10** So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him. **10** Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say,

The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been thrown down.

The activity of Satan (The Deceiver) will undermine his intended goal (13:2, 27).

I will be lifted up from the earth. (Death on a cross)  
I will draw all people to myself. (Ponder the impact of Jesus / all nations).

**vs. 34-36**, Always questioning / Never listening  
The law says...the Messiah will remain forever.  
You say...The Son of Man must be lifted up.  
Who is this Son of Man?

Jesus continues with truth he had already spoken.

**John 8:12** Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

I am the light.  
Walk with me and darkness will not overtake you.  
Believe in the light. Become children of light.

**1 John 1:6** If we say, "We have fellowship with him," and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth.

**1 John 2:11** But the one who hates his brother or sister is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he's going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

-> Be involved in restoration, not retribution!

**Question:** How are you walking in the light? How are you actively organizing your life and feeding your relationship with Jesus in order to not be blinded by the darkness?

**vs. 37-43**, John gives context.

Stubborn unbelief -> fulfilling the words of the prophet Isaiah

**Isaiah 53:1** Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**Isaiah 6:10** Make the minds of these people dull; deafen their ears and blind their eyes; otherwise they might see with their eyes and hear with their ears, understand with their minds, turn back, and be healed.

Complex realities of human behavior (vs. 42-43)

- More concerned with position, power, and praise than the truth of Jesus and the praise of God.

Clear distractions from praising God.

Loving the world.

Loving self at the expense of all else.

**1 John 2:15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

They are real risks and consequences to following Jesus.

**16:2-3** They will ban you from the synagogues. In fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering service to God. **3** They will do these things because they haven't known the Father or me.

Focus on self / Focus on Jesus

The consequences to the rulers' confession of Jesus were great.

- Honor / Shame

**vs. 44-50**, John includes a summary of the themes in Jesus' life to end this section.

1. Jesus has been sent by God. To believe in Jesus is to believe in the Father.
  - Bold and public declaration understanding the cost -> **vs. 38**, Lord, who has believed our message?
2. Jesus is not only sent by God, but he is the very image of God. If you see Jesus, you see God.
  - Most of Israel did not see Jesus for who he is.
  - **vs. 41**, Isaiah has seen the glory of Jesus and has spoken of him.
  - **vs. 40**, John's point of view as to why people are blinded. The truth of Jesus is so obvious and yet they refuse to believe. God's sovereignty is at work! I trust God! (**Mark 4:12; Romans 11; 2 Corinthians 3:14-15, 4:4**)
3. Jesus is the light. Those who respond to Jesus in faith will be saved and no longer engulfed by darkness.
4. Jesus has come to save the world not judge the world (**vs. 47**). However the very presence of Jesus creates a dividing line of judgement.
  - Jesus has spoken the very words of God. Listening to Jesus requires obedience. For those who do not listen, they are already judged.
  - If one is remaining faithful to God and his word this faithfulness is demonstrated through fidelity to Jesus.

**vs. 50**, The words I speak are eternal life!

Faith involves obedience.

Jesus always listened to and obeyed his heavenly Father.

Our faithfulness to Jesus is demonstrated by our obedience.

Profound simplicity

**John 13:34-35** “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another.

**35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

**Matthew 22:37-40** He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

**38** This is the greatest and most important command. **39** The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. **40** All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

**Question:** How is faithfulness to Jesus being demonstrated in your everyday life? How are you engaged in the active discipline of loving one another?