



**Gospel Of John Series – 81**  
**THE ONLY WAY OUT OF DARKNESS – BELIEVE IN JESUS**  
**John 12:44-50**

**INTRODUCTION & REVIEW**

*Believe in Me because I am one with the Father, I am the light, My words will judge all that reject them, and I speak the Father's commandment that is eternal life.*

**WHY BELIEVE IN JESUS?**

**1. BELIEVE IN JESUS BECAUSE OF HIS CONNECTION TO THE FATHER** John 12:44-45

- In Terms Of Sending – 44
- In Terms Of Seeing - 45

***Remember...***

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:  
How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?  
How can I accomplish this change?  
What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## 2. BELIEVE IN JESUS BECAUSE HE IS THE LIGHT - John 12:46

## 3. BELIEVE IN JESUS BECAUSE OF THE CONSEQUENCES YOU WILL FACE IF YOU REJECT HIS WORDS - John 12:47-48

## 4. BELIEVE IN JESUS BECAUSE HE FAITHFULLY GIVES YOU THE FATHER'S COMMANDMENT THAT IS ETERNAL LIFE - John 12:49-50

The **COMMAND** to Believe - 49-50

- It involves our Father's **Authority** (8:28-29, 38; 14:24; 17:8)

*"For I have not spoken on my own authority"*

- It involves our own **Assurance**

*"is eternal life" (3:15-16; 4:14; 5:24; 6:27, 40, 47, 51, 54, 58, 8:51; 10: 29; 11:25; 17:2-3)*

- It involves our Lord's **Attitude**

*"I say as the Father has told me" - John 8:28-29*

## "WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"

*John 12:37-50*

1A. The **RESULTS** TO WHAT JESUS SAID AND DID - 37-43

1B. The people were **UNBELIEVING** in spite of His many signs - 37-41  
36 miracles are recorded in the gospel.

1C. It was a **Fulfillment** of prophecy- 38  
**v. 38** - cf. *Isa. 53:1*;

1D. The **message** - "report"

2D. The **miracles** - "arm"

2C. It was a **Fact** which God Himself had caused- 39-40  
**Rom. 10:14-21**

1D. The **inability** of people to believe apart from God's help - 39

2D. The **intent** of God behind their blindness & hardness - 40  
**Rom. 11:11, 25-27, 32**

3D. The **impact** upon Isaiah  
**v. 41** - cf. *Isa. 6:1-3, 10*

2B. Some rulers were **UNWILLING** to confess their faith in Him - 42-43  
For example Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea

Conviction Cowardice Compromise

1C. The **Reason**  
"lest they should be put out of the synagogue"

2C. The **Root**  
"loved the praise of men more than the praise of God"

## **WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT**

*Message No. 31 - John 12:37-50*

2A. THE **RESPONSE** OF JESUS TO THESE RESULTS - 44-50

1B. His **CONNECTION** to the Father - 44-45

1C. In terms of **Sending** - 44

***John 14:8-11***

2C. In terms of **Seeing** - 45

2B. His **COMING** into the world - 46-47

1C. If we believe ... 46

2C. If we don't believe ... 47

3B. The **CONSEQUENCES** we will face - 48 "last day" - ***Acts 17:31***

"rejects" - atheteo - to count as nothing

4B. The **COMMAND** to believe - 49-50

1C. It involves our Father's **Authority**

Cf. ***8:28-29, 38; 14:24; 17:8***

2C. It involves our own **Assurance**

"is everlasting life" - cf. 3:15-16; 4:14; 5:24; 6:27, 40, 47, 51, 54, 58,  
***8:51; 10: 29; 11:25; 17:2-3***

3C. It involves our Lord's **Attitude**

"it as the Father has told Me, so I speak" - *John 8:28-29*