



Easter Sunday, April 7, 2024 – John 20:1-18

## *Jesus draws us to believe in Him!*

**Jesus' purpose is to glorify His Father  
by dying on the Cross  
to save sinners who will believe!**

*(John 12:27-35; Isaiah 53)*

*--- Revelation Demands Response ---*

**His revelation is His call to believe!**

*John 12:36; 20:31*

**1. He draws all people through the Cross!**

*John 12:32*

**2. God sheds Light on (your) life!**

*John 12:35-36*

→ "The" Light is authoritative and true  
*Jn 1:9*

→ The Light shows the invisible spiritual realities of life.  
Believing means we walk (operate our daily life) by this Light!

*John 12:35,36; Ephesians 1:15ff*

**3. Believing in Him is a lifestyle!**

*John 12:36*

**He who won't believe, soon can't believe!**

> The "ruler" of this world is hostile to Christ (31; 1 Jn 2:15-27)

> There is always darkness (35)

> Unbelief hardens our heart and blinds eyes. (37-41)

> Even believers struggle with unbelief. (42-43)

John 12:27–43 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

<sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine.

<sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And **I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.** <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”

<sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.

<sup>36</sup>While you have the light, **believe** in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

<sup>37</sup>Though he had done so many signs before them, they still **did not believe** in him, <sup>38</sup>so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” <sup>39</sup>Therefore **they could not believe**. For again Isaiah said, <sup>40</sup>“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.” <sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

<sup>42</sup>Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

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John 20:30–31 (ESV)

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

<sup>31</sup>but these are written **so that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

*Application questions on the back →*

--- *Jesus draws us to believe in Him!* ---

April 7, 2024 – John 12:27-43

**SUNDAY after church...**

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give!  
2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

**MONDAY**

**READ:** See the John 12:27-43. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** From our study, can you write out how the Lord “draws all men” to Himself, to believe in Him. Think of other verses as well (like Romans 2:4). **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

**TUESDAY**

**READ:** John 12:27-43. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Once in a sermon Pastor Rusty talked about his family going to their lower level on evening to do a project and sat in the dark grumbling because they couldn’t see anything (which was true). Then one of them said, “Why don’t we turn on the lights?” Think about this story and then think about Christ calling Himself the Light of the world and coming into the Light brings you out of darkness. Write out how this works in your life. **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

**WEDNESDAY**

**READ:** See John 12:27-43. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. Describe how the Light (Jesus) helps us walk by faith (in the darkness) and not by sight. Write out your applications to your life. **PRAY:** Pray over these lessons!

**THURSDAY**

**READ:** John 12:27-43. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In 12:36 Jesus tells us that the revealing of Himself is to call us to operate/walk our life in the Light, by faith. It is a lifestyle, all the time. Write out how this works in your life. If we “know” something, like doctrine, how does that fall short of walking in it by faith? **PRAY:** Pray over your applications!

**FRIDAY**

**READ:** See John 12:27-43. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Write out the one thing that struck you from our study.  
**PRAY:** Pray over your application!

**SATURDAY**

**Prepare** your heart for Sunday’s gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.  
**Pray** – ask the Lord to show you people to encourage!

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