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True Equity and the Greatest Love / John 12:20–50

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#### Notes

09/08 John 12:20-50, "From Mortal to Immortal," Subtitle: The way through light to eternal life, Scripture: 2 Cor. 4:16-18

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## **There are 4 antithetical parallels that Jesus makes in these verses:**

#1 He who loves his life in the world will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it, eternally (John 12:20-26)

#2 The ruler of this world keeps all men under judgment, but I will draw all men out from under judgment, to myself (John 12:27-33)

### #3 He who walks in the darkness of this life walks blind, but he who believes in the light of Jesus, darkness will not overcome and they will be His sons (John 12:34-36)

“Trypho the Jew to the Christian apologist Justin: ‘According to scripture the Son of man is to be full of honour and glory and establish the eternal kingdom (Dan. 7:13–14), but your so-called Christ was without honour or glory and was struck by the worst curse in the law of God by being crucified’ (*Dialogue with Trypho* xxxii.1).

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A narrative break in the historical recount (John 12:37-43), the central theme of this all was: You serve whoever it is that you love (John 12:43) John 12:43 “43 for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.”

WE ALL MUST RECOGNIZE:

“WHO I LOVE DETERMINES MY DESTINY”

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### #4 Everyone who believes in Jesus will not remain in the darkness of this life’s judgment, but those who reject will be judged by His

# Word (John 12:44-50)

These 4 antithetical parallels of Jesus, **demands** we draw an antithetical parallel for ourselves:

God's commands are eternal life for those who accept it through Jesus Christ, and rejection is to remain under judgment in the present day and at the end (last day [Great White throne: Rev. 20:11-15])

Put your faith in the light of Jesus while you can (in this life), before it's too late and judgment seals your fate.

With this teaching, the revelation of the Messiah ends with this chapter. Chapter 13 begins the revelation of the Savior of the world, as promised to Adam and Even in Gen. 3:15 and Abraham in Gen. 12:1-5.

## True Equity from the Greatest Love

How to be a disciple who disciples

The Gospel of John

1. John 1:1-18 Prologue: Theological foundation for the gospel of John
2. John 1:19-12:50 Revelation of Messiah (Israel)
  - a. Private: JTB, disciples, water to wine 1:19-2:11
  - b. Public: Geography, Theology 2:12-10:42
  - c. Personal: Authority over death itself 11:1-12:50
3. John 13:1-17:26 Revelation of Savior (Disciples)
4. John 18:1-20:31 Revelation of Redemption (World)

## 5. John 21:1-25 Epilogue