

*That You May Believe . . .*

*Studies in John's Gospel*

*Part 36*

*“What the World Can't Conceive &  
Therefore Do”*

**John 12:30-50**

**Sunday**

**February 21, 2021**

30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes.

31 Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw (*through inner conviction*) all men to Myself.”

33 But He was saying this *clarifying* the kind of death by which He was to die.

34 The multitude therefore answered Him, “We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”

35 Jesus therefore said to them, “For a little while longer the light is among you. *Be walking* while you have the light, that darkness may not *gain control over* you; he who *is walking* in the darkness does not know where he *is going*.

36 While you have the light, *be believing* in the light, in order that you *would become* sons of light.” These things Jesus spoke, and He departed and hid Himself from them.

37 But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him;

38 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?”

39 *Because of this* they *were unable to* believe, for Isaiah said again,

40 “HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES, AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART; *IN ORDER THAT* THEY *SHOULD NOT* SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED, AND I *will* HEAL THEM.”

41 These things Isaiah said, because he saw His glory, and he spoke concerning Him.

42 Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;

43 for they loved the approval (*glory*) of men rather than the approval (*glory*) of God.

44 And Jesus cried out and said, “*The one who is believing* in Me *is not believing* in Me, but in Him who sent Me.

45 And he *who is observing Me is observing* the One who sent Me.

46 I, (*who am*) *light*, have come into the world, that everyone who *is believing* in Me *would* not remain in *the* darkness.

47 And if anyone hears My sayings, and does not *consider them important*, I *am not judging* him; for I did not come *in order that I should be judging* the world, but *in order that I should* save the world.

48 He who *is rejecting* Me, and *is not receiving* My sayings, has *the one who is judging* him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

49 For I did not speak *of myself*, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me commandment, what *I should* say, and what *I should* speak.

50 And I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

- **What the world can’t conceive and therefore do**
- **The clarity of self-giving**
- **The point illustrated**
- **The clarifying One who is the Word**

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