

## John 12: 37 - 50

Joh 12:37 Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, **they still would not believe** in him. Joh 12:38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

"Lord, who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

Joh 12:39 **For this reason they could not believe**, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

40 "He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts,  
so they can neither see with their eyes,  
nor understand with their hearts,  
nor turn-- and I would heal them."

Joh 12:41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him. Joh 12:42 Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; Joh 12:43 **for they loved praise from men more than praise from God**. Joh 12:44 Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. Joh 12:45 When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. Joh 12:46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. Joh 12:47 "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For **I did not come to judge the world, but to save it**. Joh 12:48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; **that very word which I spoke will condemn him** at the last day. Joh 12:49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. Joh 12:50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

1. In verse 37, what did the people decide **not** to do?
2. In verse 39 & 40, for what reason could the people not believe?

Ro 1:21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Ro 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts...

Ro 1:28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

3. From these verse in Romans, what does God do to people who do not believe?
4. In verse 42 & 43, why did some who believed not make a public confession of their belief?  
How does this same principle effect people today?
5. What is the logical reverse of verse 44 & 45?
6. From verse 46, what happens to the person who believes in Jesus Christ?
7. What does verse 47 teach about God's desire for people who do not believe?
8. What does verse 48 teach about judgement? What will condemn people?
9. In verse 50, what is the command that leads to eternal life?

## John 13: 1 – 17

Joh 13:1 It was just before the Passover Feast. **Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.** Having loved his own who were in the world, **he now showed them the full extent of his love.** Joh 13:2 The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Joh 13:3 **Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power,** and that he had come from God and was returning to God; Joh 13:4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. Joh 13:5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. Joh 13:6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Joh 13:7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Joh 13:8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, **"Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."** Joh 13:9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Joh 13:10 Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. **And you are clean, though not every one of you.**" Joh 13:11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. Joh 13:12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. Joh 13: 13**"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.** Joh 13:14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. Joh 13:15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Joh 13:16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Joh 13:17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

1. In verse 1, what specifically did Jesus know?
2. In verse 1, how did Jesus show them the full extent of His love?
3. What does verse 3 teach about Jesus?
4. What does verse 3 & 4 teach about serving other people?  
What people find it easy to serve and what people find it difficult to serve?
5. In verses 6 & 8 Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet.
  - a. What must a person acknowledge in order to be washed?
  - b. Why didn't Peter want to be washed?
  - c. What does this teach about salvation?
  - d. What was Peter's misunderstanding that caused his response in verse 8?
6. In verse 8, why did Jesus insist that Peter accept this washing?
7. In verse 10, why did Jesus say that not every one of them is clean?
8. What does Jesus say about Himself in verse 13?
9. What is Jesus telling us in verse 17?