

Digging Deeper: John 12:27, 37–50

Day 1: Read John 12:27 and 28. Jesus was deeply troubled by what was going to happen to Him. He knew He was to be sent; He was going to save us from our sins. This was going to bring glory to His father. What do you think of Jesus' response to His impending death? What might it look like for you to follow this challenge from Jesus right now?

Day 2: Read John 12: 37–50. The passages before us mark the end of Jesus' public teachings ministry. Beginning with Chapter 13, the rest of the Lord's teachings are done only with His disciples' present. But Israel still did not believe. Read again John 12:37–43. They have witnessed a multitude of Christ's miracles, yet they rejected Him. Read 1 Corinthians 2:14.

Day 3: Anyone who is not following God, is always apart from God because of his or her own desires and decisions. We departed from God in Adam, and we will remain cut off because we prefer our own will to God's will, and this will leave us without a savior. What kind of faith did the Pharisees have? Read verses 42–43. Why would the Jewish leaders not admit to the Pharisees that they believed? See verse 43.

Day 4: Because of the unbelief of Israel and us what must we do? Read Luke 12:8–9, Romans 10:9–10 and Matthew 10:28. They loved the praise of man more than the praise of God. See James 4:4.

Day 5: Read verses 47–48. This is the danger if we do not believe in Him. He did not come to judge the world or even judge the ones that had heard His word and did not follow it, but you will be judged on judgment day by the truth He has spoken.

Day 6: This would be the Lord's ministry summarized. Read verses 44–50. What Christ revealed in John 12:44–46. That belief in Him is belief in God (12:44). That to know Him is to know God (12:45). Read John 14:1 and 14:9. What is He telling us?