



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 12:44-50 (NAS)

“Jesus Declares The Focus Of His Work”

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44 And Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me.  
45 "He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.  
46 "I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.  
47 "If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.  
48 "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.  
49 "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.  
50 "I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me."

### **I. JESUS CRIED OUT**

A. Only Five Times In The Gospels

B. His Loud Cry Reflected The Import Of The Message

### **II. REASONS TO BELIEVE**

A. The Father Sent Me (Jesus)

B. Jesus Reveals God *John 1:18; 14:9; Hebrews 1:3*

1. God's love
2. God's holiness
3. God's power

C. Jesus Points To His Mission

### **III. JUDGEMENT FOR THOSE WHO REJECT HIS MESSAGE**

A. First Jesus Didn't Come To Judge

1. He speaks of the purpose of His first coming
2. His future role will involve judgement *II Timothy 4:1; Matthew 25:31-35, 41*

B. The Word Of God Will Judge *Revelation 14:8; Hebrews 9:27-28*

1. His prophecy was that many would not believe
2. John was acknowledging the same unbelief *John 1:10-11*

C. Believers Living In The Light Of The Knowledge Of Judgement

1. No fear of judgement
2. Hearts directed not by envy of the world, but by the hope of His coming *Psalms 73:2, 3, 17-19, 28*

D. The Command Is For Eternal Life *Acts 16:30-31*