

# MESSAGE NOTES

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COME AND SEE | THE MYSTERY OF UNBELIEF

JOHN 12:37-50

## OVERVIEW

### MOVEMENT 1: The Mystery of Unbelief (John 12:37-41)

Our part in unbelief—reminding us we are responsible!

*"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed."* John 3:19-20

God's part in unbelief—reminding us that He is sovereign (in control).

*"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."* John 3:18

### MOVEMENT 2: The Mind-Blowing Mercy of God (John 12:42-50)

*"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven."* Matthew 10:32-33

### REASONS TO BELIEVE—JESUS SAYS:

1. I am equal with God. (John 10:10)
2. I can deliver you from darkness
  - o *"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* John 1:4-5
3. Now is the time to receive mercy—I have come as a Savior—judgment is coming.
  - o Note what we do with Jesus' words—do we keep them or throw them out? That will be the basis on which we are judged.
4. Believing in me brings LIFE.

## BRINGING IT HOME

Jesus bridges the mystery of our unbelief to the Mind-Blowing Mercy of God—when Isaiah saw Jesus' glory, he saw not only that Jesus was holy but that he was not, he saw his need for mercy, he acknowledged that and he was forgiven.

1. Are you seeing the glory of God in Christ, and in that your need of Him? Are you stuck in unbelief?
2. Is there an area(s) in your life where we are not taking Jesus at His word—where we are unwilling to surrender it to Jesus: a relationship, money, a habit, your tongue, anger or jealousy? Confess that to Jesus.
3. Are you a secret follower of Jesus, fearful of what others will think—focus on Jesus' sufferings? Read Isaiah 52-53.
4. Pray for God to open people's eyes and soften people's hearts that they might believe and find life. Use Ephesians 1:18-19 as a guide to your prayers.