

John 12:37-50 **Struggle to Believe in Jesus**

Struggle believing fulfilled Prophecy

37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe 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 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts,
Lest they should see with their eyes,
Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them."

41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

Even among the Rulers, Many Believed

42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Scope of Significance of Believing – Revealing the Father

44 Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. 45 And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, 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 words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. 50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Struggle believing fulfilled Prophecy

✚ But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: [John 12:37-41]

✧ These prophecies of blindness are still being fulfilled today and will continue so until Jesus arrives to establish His Millennial Kingdom. [Ezekiel 30:1-3, Luke 21:24, Romans 11:25]

Even among the Rulers, Many Believed

✚ Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. [John 12:42-43]

✧ Many of the rulers believed the evidence of the signs that Jesus did, but were afraid to declare it openly, for fear of the ruling of the Pharisees, that they would be put out of the Synagogue. [John 9:22, 12:11, 42-43]

- ✧ Some looked at the evidence based on their own commandments, while others were of the opinion that only God is able to do the miracle they saw. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea were two of them. [\[John 3:1-2, 10:19-21, 19:38-39\]](#)
- ✧ Nicodemus along with Joseph of Arimathea were Pharisees and members of the Counsel. [\[John 3:1, 7:45-52, 19:38-42, Matthew 27:57, Mark 15:43, Luke 23:50-51\]](#)
- ✧ Both of them as well as many other Rulers of the Jews had considered the evidence and were secretly believers in Jesus, but kept it secret because of their fear of the Pharisees and Jews in opposition to Jesus. [\[John 9:22, 12:42-43, 19:38-39\]](#)

Scope of Significance of Believing – Revealing the Father

- ✧ Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. [\[John 12:44-45\]](#)
- ✧ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. [\[John 1:18, 1 John 4:12\]](#)
 - ✧ This statement being true, we learn that all the appearances of God, the Angel of Yehowah, Yehowah, Word of the Lord, The Lord, etc. were all appearances of Jesus in His pre-incarnate state as God the Word. [\[Genesis 2:7, 19, 21-24, 3:8-19, 12:7, 17:1, 18:1-33, 26:1-2, 26:23-25, 35:1-7, 9, 48:3, Exodus 3:2, 16, 4:5, 6:3, 24:9-11, Judges 6:12, 13:3-21, 1 Samuel 3:21, 2 Samuel 24:15-17, 1 Kings 3:5, 9:2, 11:9, 2 Chronicles 1:7, 3:1, 7:12, Luke 1:11\]](#)
 - ✧ This being true, Jesus is completely correct in saying, to believe in Him is to believe in God, and to see Jesus is to see God, "The One Who sent Me."
- ✧ Jesus came to bring the Light of the Revelation of God into a world of darkness immersed in ignorance of God. [\[John 1:1-14, 12:46\]](#)
- ✧ Whoever believes in Jesus should not abide in darkness, but walk in the light. [\[John 8:12, 12:35, 46, Ephesians 5:8, 1 John 1:5-7\]](#)
- ✧ Jesus came the first time to save the world, not to judge it. [\[John 12:47\]](#)
- ✧ Whoever hears the words of Jesus and does not believe or receive them, will be judged by the Words Jesus has spoken, in the last day (on the Day of Judgment). [\[John 12:47-48\]](#)
- ✧ For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. [\[John 12:49-50\]](#)
 - ✧ The message of Jesus came directly from God the Father. And it is God's command to provide Eternal Life for everyone who believes.
 - ✧ Jesus was faithful to deliver the Message exactly as He received it from the Father as the True and Faithful Witness. [\[Revelation 1:5, 3:14\]](#)