

(Study from Jack Gabbert on The Life Of Christ)

JESUS' DEPARTURE FROM THE UNBELIEVING MULTITUDE

TEXT: John 12:36b-50

PLACE: Jerusalem

TIME: Probably Tuesday

NOTE: Even though it is only hours before He dies, yet in relentless love, Jesus makes one last plea, one final invitation to Israel.

◆ **The Final Call To Belief**, cp. vs. 35, 36

➔ What warning is there in verse 35?

➔ Does God ever give up on men?

- Genesis 6:3; Hosea 4:17; Proverbs 1:28; Proverbs 29:1; 1 John 5:16, 17; Hebrews 6:4-6

◆ **The Fatal Causes Of Israel's Unbelief**, vs. 37-43

➔ What was their response to the man miracles of Jesus?

"...they were _____ believing in Him." Why and how could they refuse Him after seeing His many miracles?

- Read verses 38-40 -Remember in an earlier lesson we discovered this principle about the Jews - "They could not believe because for so long they would not believe."
- Why didn't they want to see the truth?

➔ Why are men blinded today? What blinds?

➔ Peer pressure! Look at vs. 42.

- Does it exist today?

◆ **The Forever Consequences Of Belief And Unbelief**, vs. 44-50

➔ Belief

1. An understanding of God and Jesus, vs. 44, 45
Cp. John 5:24; John 8:19; John 10:38
2. Living in light, vs. 46. Cp. 1 John 1:5-7
3. Salvation, vs. 47b. cp. John 3:17

➔ Unbelief

1. They will be judged by Jesus' words, vs. 48
Cp. Romans 2:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9

➔ Does this place a heavy responsibility on us to study, learn and practice God's Word today?