

JOHN 12:37-50

In John 12 we see seven times that Jesus is honored. We must remember as we read this chapter that Jesus is drawing very near to Calvary and the crucifixion. The time has come for Jesus to be recognized for who he really is. We will see there are certain people groups that honor him, and the chapter will conclude with Jesus honoring himself.

- I. Mary and Martha honored Jesus Vs 1-11
 - A. Mary honored Jesus with her possessions
 - B. Martha honored Jesus with her talents
- II. The _____ people honored Jesus Vs 12-19
- III. Certain _____ honored Jesus Vs 20-26
- IV. God, the Father honored Jesus Vs 27-36
- V. The Old Testament Prophets honored Jesus Vs 37-41
 - A. The _____ of unbelief Vs 37
 1. In _____ of Jesus performing miracles that they saw happen
 2. The majority of the people _____ not to accept Jesus as Messiah
 3. The reference to the miracle this crowd had witnessed Cf Vs 1
 - B. The _____ of prophecy Vs 38, 40
 1. The OT prophet _____ prophesied that which would indeed happen Vs 38
 2. The OT prophet prophesied the _____ that would take place when Jesus appeared to His own people Vs 40
 - C. The _____ of circumstances Vs 39, 41
 1. The people did not believe because of the Sovereignty of God Vs 39-40
 - a. Jesus _____ mission in coming to the earth was to be "the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world"
 - b. Had the nation of Israel believed his claims and accepted Him as the Messiah, they would not have had Him _____
 2. John makes it clear that Isaiah was referring to Jesus _____ ministry
 - D. Isaiah's prophecy honored Jesus even though it stated that the people would _____ Him
- VI. Many of the _____ leaders honored Jesus Vs 42-43
 - A. **Nevertheless**-in spite of the fact that the majority of the crowd _____ believe in Jesus
 - B. **Among the chief rulers**-when considering only the _____ religious leaders of that day
 - C. **Many believed on him**
 1. **Many**-a _____ number of
 - a. Nicodemus of chapter 3 and 7
 - b. _____, of Arimathea of chapter 19
 2. **Believed**-placed their _____ in Jesus as the promised Messiah
 3. **But**-_____, even though they have placed their faith in Jesus
 4. **Because**-for the sake of, for the _____ of, on account of
 5. **Of the Pharisees**
 1. The religious leaders of that day who practiced _____ from the masses on the principle of living a superior holy life devoted to God, but always brought attention to their superiority by the way they treated the _____ people

2. This group _____ how the average Jew was to live and practice their religion Cf 9: 1-34 (the man born blind)
6. **They did not confess him-**_____ state their faith in Jesus
7. **Lest they should be put out of the synagogue**
 1. _____ out of the church
 2. _____ by their neighbors, friends and family
8. John's commentary concerning these with their silent honor Vs 43
- D. Their honor was _____, as far as the public went, but Jesus held the _____ place in their heart as Messiah
 1. It is easy for us "good" folk to look as these in _____
 2. Yet we must remember what Jesus said: "*Matt. 7:1-5 "Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. 3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."*

VII. _____ claimed honor to himself Vs 44-50

- A. The time is very near for Jesus to be crucified, and the people need to be _____ with their greatest need
- B. Jesus places himself as the focus of attention for the people's _____
- C. All that Jesus says to the crowd is for their _____ salvation and deliverance from eternal damnation
- D. **Believe on me**-place one's confidence and _____ in the person of Jesus
- E. **I am come a light into the world**-in the midst of the spiritual _____ that existed among such a religious crowd there was a need of true spiritual light, and _____ was that true light
- F. Jesus clearly explains the end result of _____ believing on him as the Messiah Vs 47-48
 1. They _____ the truth presented, but they decide not to believe that truth
 2. The truth which they have heard and rejected will be their _____ in the end
 3. Cf. Revelation 20:11-15
- G. One more time Jesus reminds the crowd that God the Father is the One _____ his entire life on the earth Vs 49-50