

Gospel of John
[The Unbelief of the Jews (John 12:36-43)]

Structure of Chapters 12-19 (Passion Week)

-Ch. 12: Mary's Anointing of Jesus (1-11); Jesus' Triumphal Entry (vs. 12-19); Jesus' Prediction of His Own Death (vs. 20-36); John's Digression: A Rationale for the Unbelief of the Jews (vs. 37-43); An Affirmation of the Divine Authority of Jesus (vs. 44-50)

-Chs. 13-19: Foot Washing, Last Supper (ch. 13); Upper Room Discourses (chs. 14-16); Jesus' Prayer (ch. 17); Jesus' Arrest, Trial, Crucifixion (chs. 18, 19)

Rationale for the Unbelief of the Jews

I. The Unbelief of the Jews Stated (v. 37)

II. The Unbelief of the Jews Explained (vs. 38-41)

III. The Unbelief of the Jews Qualified (vs. 42, 43)

Practical Lessons

- 1) Nothing is more horrible than to be given over to your sin by God (Rom. 1:24, 26, 28; 9:18).
- 2) Don't assess a ministry based on superficial appearances (John 7:24).
- 3) There is no such thing as a secret disciple of Christ (Prov. 29:25; Mark 8:38).
- 4) Don't turn away from God's Son, Jesus Christ, the only Savior of sinners.