

Gospel of John
[The Divine Authority of Jesus (John 12:44-50)]

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)

An Affirmation of the Divine Authority of Jesus

-vs. 44-50 are a short epilogue consisting of a summary of several strands of Jesus' previous teaching. These are themes John wants his readers to keep in mind as Jesus goes to the cross.

-Main Idea: Jesus should be listened to in view of His close identification with the Father.

I. Jesus' Initial Identification with His Father (vs. 44, 45)

II. The Purpose of Jesus' Coming (vs. 46, 47)

III. The Danger of Neglecting Jesus' Testimony (v. 48)

IV. Jesus' Subsequent Identification with His Father (vs. 49, 50)

Practical Lessons

1) Believe in Jesus.

2) Look at (to) Jesus.

3) Listen to Jesus.