

December Memory Verse: "25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him." **John 12:25–26** (ESV)

Series: Jesus Is (40)

Title: Which Glory Do You Love?

Scripture: John 12:35-50

John 12 is the transitional chapter of the Gospel of John

- 1. Jesus reveals His purpose in coming to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. (vs. 27-33)
- 2. Jesus ended his public ministry imploring people in darkness to believe that He is the light of the world and that by believing they might become sons of light. (v. 36; 20:31)
- 3. Jesus is about to spend intimate time with His disciples before the crucifixion and the resurrection. (John 13-17)
- 4. John 12 gives commentary about Jesus and people's response to Jesus.

The only way to have hope for eternal life, eternal peace with God and man, eternal joy, and true love is through Jesus Christ. (John 12:30-33)

- 1. Not believing in Jesus is dangerous. (vs. 37-41)
 - a. It is dangerous to not believe despite the abundance of evidence that Jesus is who He says He is.
 - b. Not believing does not surprise or frustrate God. (vs. 38-41; Isaiah 53:1; 6:9-10)
 - c. Not believing has two steps that leads to destruction.
 - i. You harden your own heart.
 - ii. God hardens your heart.



- 2. Belief in Jesus without confessing Jesus to others is just as dangerous. (vs. 42-43)
 - a. It is dangerous to seek glory from men and not the glory of God. (Galatians 1:10)
 - b. There is no such thing as secret discipleship.
 - Discipleship will destroy secrecy.
 - ii. Secrecy will destroy discipleship.
 - c. It is dangerous to compromise our faith so that others around us will accept and like us. "The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe." Prov. 29:25 ESV
- 3. Belief in Jesus with confessing Jesus to others brings saving faith. (vs. 44-49)
 - a. Confess that we see Jesus by believing Jesus was sent by the Father. (vs. 44-45)
 - b. Confess that we hear Jesus by keeping His Word. (vs. 46-47)
 - c. Confess that we obey Jesus' Father by speaking Jesus to ourselves and others. (vs. 48-49)
- 4. Belief in Jesus with confessing Jesus submits us to God's authority. (vs. 49-50)
 - a. God commands eternal life. (v. 50)
 - b. God commands us to speak and what to say. (v. 49)
 - c. God commands us to go. (Matt. 28:18-20)

