

Preparation Questions
John 12: 20 – 50
Jesus' Death and Rejection

Opener: How would you answer if someone asked, "How would things be different for the world if Jesus' death on the Cross hadn't happened?"

Text 1: Read through v20-33 and list what Jesus' death achieves and particularly how it reveals God's glory in v31-33? How would you sum up what Jesus' death achieves and why it is so significant from what we've seen so far in chapters 11&12?

Text2: From v33 & 34, why has the crowd's attitude to Jesus changed from what it was in v12-13? What is Jesus' warning to them in v34-36a?

Text3: We are now seeing the end of Jesus' public ministry. What questions are we left with from v36b –37? How does John's explanation and his use of Isaiah 53.1 and Isaiah 6 (see v1-5 and v8-10) help us understand the response of those in Israel who don't believe? Why does John want us to know this?

Text 4: Put Jesus' final public message in v44-50 in your own words. How does it give us confidence in Jesus' work and underline the tragic implications of their unbelief?

Sum up and apply: How are v41-43 a challenge to us personally? What might it involve for us to fall into the same error? What is the antidote in this passage?