

## But Jesus. .

### John 12:37-50 (Read aloud) (NIV)

#### 1. The Problem

Sin separated them from God, The enemy blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts.

**1 John 5:19-20** “**19** We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. **20** We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.”

The enemy, Satan, has taught men to love sin more than they love God. Men love the very thing that is killing them. They are blinded by the darkness so that they cannot see the truth and they refuse to approach the light for fear that their deeds may be exposed. Men are comfortable in their sin. In love with the darkness and afraid of the light.

**(Verse 42-43)** shows this among the Jewish leaders “Yet at the same time many among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.”

## **2. The day of Grace**

**(Verse 47)** “If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.”

Jesus will return to judge the world one day but not today. Today is still the day of grace. Jesus came to save the world and all are welcome into his kingdom. This kingdom is entered by faith in Jesus.

Romans 10:9 “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

**(It's not too late. Today is still the day of grace)**

## **3. The Solution**

Jesus came to turn darkness into light

**(Verse 46)** “I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.”

(Metaphor of God's Holiness)

God is like the sun, You can't look directly at it without burning your eyes, It lights the world and is necessary for life.  
Ex. Moses could not look directly at God or he would die  
Ex.2 Paul was met by the risen Jesus in his glorified state and was blinded for three days.

In the sun, there is no darkness at all. We cannot even get close to it without spontaneously combusting. Sin is like darkness. Darkness has no fellowship with the light.

**But Jesus. . . .**

Came to turn darkness into light and to restore our fellowship with God that has been broken.

Eternal life is this John 17:3 “Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

Do you believe it? Are you tired of walking in darkness? Are you ready to walk in the light as he is in the light? Confess today that from now on, Jesus is the risen Lord of your life.