

Jesus' Last Public Mission Statement pt 1 John 12:44–50

John 12:44–50 (NKJV)

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Introduction

I once heard the story of a man who spent his entire life in abject poverty. Soon after his death, a massive deposit of gold was discovered just beneath the surface of his small plot of land. I found it staggering to contemplate the vast resources that poor man had right under his feet his whole, wretched life—without ever knowing about it. gty.org

There have been millions of people who spent their whole lives devoid and empty of the true knowledge of God, only to learn upon their death that His witness was everywhere.

Many spend their entire lives in pursuit of a righteousness that they believe will grant them entrance into heaven when they die, only to learn that they missed it.

Even more tragic, is the untold amounts of people who have desired a relationship with God but never achieve it because they reject Jesus Christ.

I am reminded of the Israel

Romans 10:1–3 (NKJV)

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For they being ignorant of

God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

If only they had embraced Christ

Romans 10:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

And the words of Christ

Matthew 7:21–23 (NKJV)

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

To know God, the true and living God is the most important relationship you can have. Without it you will die. Without Him, nothing but darkness and sorrow and pain are in your future.

The Greatest pursuit of man is to know God, and the Greatest Assurance of life is to be known by God.

J.I. Packer wrote a book that was published in 1973 entitled

KNOWING GOD

In the first chapter of the Book he states...

THE STUDY OF GOD

On January 7, 1855, the minister of New Park Street Chapel, Southwark, England, opened his morning sermon as follows:

It has been said by someone that “the proper study of mankind is man.” I will not oppose the idea, but I believe it is equally true that the proper study of God’s elect is God; the proper study of a Christian is the Godhead. The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father.

There is something exceedingly improving to the mind in a contemplation of the Divinity. It is a subject so vast, that all our thoughts are lost in its immensity; so deep, that our pride is drowned in its infinity.”

Those words were from Charles Spurgeon, who knew the importance of knowing God.

And He knew that the only way someone can know God is thru Jesus Christ.

John 14:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

⁷ “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

Review

John 12:35–43 (NKJV)

³⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

³⁷ But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, ³⁸ that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:

“Lord, who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts,
Lest they should see with *their* eyes,
Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them.”

⁴¹ These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

⁴² Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *Him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Lesson

- I. True Saving Faith
- II. Terminal Severing Facts
- III. Total Synergistic Faithfulness

I. True Saving Faith

⁴⁴ Then Jesus cried out and said, “**He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.**

⁴⁵ **And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.**

⁴⁶ **I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.**

- 1. Continuation***
- 2. Consideration***
- 3. Consecration***

1. Continuation

44 Then Jesus cried out and said, “**He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.**”

Some say that this may have been an insertion by the Apostle John,

“Since Jesus had already withdrawn (v. 36), the words recorded in verses 44–50 were not spoken on this occasion. John included them here to summarize Christ’s public ministry to Israel, which had ended. The truths they contain emphasize the importance of the Savior’s ministry and the fatal error of refusing to believe in Him. They also reveal several consequences of both belief and unbelief.”

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2008). *John 12–21* (p. 55). Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers.

44 Then Jesus **cried out**

cried out

to scream v. — to utter or declare in a very loud voice; often indicating a harsh sounding utterance.

33.83 κράζω; ἀνακράζω; κρᾶυγάζω: to shout or cry out, with the possible implication of the unpleasant nature of the sound—‘to shout, to scream.’

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 398). New York: United Bible Societies.

Matthew 14:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear.

Matthew 14:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”

John 12:12–13 (NKJV)

¹² The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³ took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

“Hosanna!

‘Blessed is *He who comes in the name of the Lord!*’

The King of Israel!”

John 19:12 (NKJV)

¹² From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you let this Man go,

you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

Mark 15:13 (NKJV)

¹³ So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!"

John 11:43 (NKJV)

⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "**Lazarus, come forth!**"

There is a sense of urgency and importance to this
by the crying out
We see this in

John 7:28–29 (NKJV)

²⁸ Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "**You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.**

²⁹ **But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.**"

John 7:37–38 (NKJV)

³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "**If anyone thirsts,**

let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

What does he cry out, the true nature of saving faith.

⁴⁴ Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.

44 Ἰησοῦς δε ἐκραξεν και εἶπεν Ο ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩΝ ΕΙΣ ΕΜΕ ΟΥ ΠΙΣΤΕΥΕΙ ΕΙΣ ΕΜΕ ΑΛΛ ΕΙΣ ΤΟΝ ΠΕΜΨΑΝΤΑ ΜΕ

Newberry, T., & Berry, G. R. (2004). *The interlinear literal translation of the Greek New Testament* (Jn 12:44). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

Ο ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩΝ ΕΙΣ ΕΜΕ

VPAP-SNM Present Active Participle Substantive

The Subject is characterized as a believing one.

We have been over this in the last lesson. This is in contrast to the faith of the Leaders in

42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed (Aorist) in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *Him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;

John 8:30–31 (NKJV)

³⁰ As He spoke these words, many **believed** (Aorist) in Him.

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, **“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.**

True saving faith is characterized by Continuation

Now notice the object of Faith.

⁴⁴ Then Jesus cried out and said, **“He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.**

Jesus is not saying to believe in the Father means you don't believe in Jesus, rather he is saying that believing in Jesus is equal to believing in God.

It was God who sent Jesus

John 3:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ **For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** ¹⁷ **For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the**

world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Jesus is saying, that belief in me is not belief in a man, prophet, or Rabbi, but Rather belief in Christ is belief in God. You can't have God without Christ and you cannot have Christ without God. They are the same.

John 8:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?"

Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."

John 10:38 (NKJV)

³⁸ but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him."

John 13:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

Mark 9:37 (NKJV)

³⁷ "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

1 Peter 1:20–21 (NKJV)

²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1. Continuation

2. Consideration

⁴⁵ **And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.**

⁴⁵ και ο θεωρων εμε θεωρει τον πεμψαντα με

Newberry, T., & Berry, G. R. (2004).

[The interlinear literal translation of the Greek New Testament](#)
(Jn 12:45). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

First notice with me the theological obvious

⁴⁵ **And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.**

John 12:41 (NKJV)

⁴¹ These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

John 14:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ Jesus said to him, **“Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”** ¹⁰ **Do you not believe that I am in**

the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

John 15:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NKJV)

⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV)

³ who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

1 John 5:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

John 1:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

Now look carefully at the term
he who sees

to behold v. — to see with attention.

⁴⁵ **And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.**

45 και ο θεωρων εμε θεωρει τον πεμφαντα με

ο θεωρων Pres Act. Part.

The one continually seeing, beholding, considering, observing, contemplating, studying, spectating.

24.14 θεωρέω^a; θεάομαι^a: to observe something with continuity and attention, often with the implication that what is observed is something unusual—‘to observe, to be a spectator of, to look at.’

θεωρέω^a: θεωρῶ τοὺς οὐρανοὺς διηνοιγμένους ‘I see the heavens opened’ Ac 7:56.

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 278). New York: United Bible Societies.

“The word is purposely chosen to mark an *intent, continuous* contemplation of Christ, issuing in ever larger knowledge of the Father”.

Vincent, M. R. (1887). *Word studies in the New Testament* (Vol. 2, p. 223). New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons.

In John, “sight” becomes the “insight” of faith through God’s work and instruction that is granted through reading Scripture, in the community of disciples, following the resurrection of Jesus, and under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit

Thompson, M. M. (2015). *John: A Commentary* (First edition, p. 276). Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.

The point being made, is that the true believer is never satisfied with a glance at the savior. He is not content with a once observance. The believer wants Christ continually, desires to look at him, consider him, behold Him, study Him.

You never get enough.

Psalm 42:1–2 (NKJV)

- 1 As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So pants my soul for You, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?

Psalm 63:1 (NKJV)

¹ O God, You *are* my God;
Early will I seek You;
My soul thirsts for You;
My flesh longs for You
In a dry and thirsty land
Where there is no water.

Psalm 84:2 (NKJV)

² My soul longs, yes, even faints
For the courts of the Lord;
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Psalm 143:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ I spread out my hands to You;
My soul *longs* for You like a thirsty land.

Selah

⁷ Answer me speedily, O Lord;
My spirit fails!
Do not hide Your face from me,
Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

Isaiah 26:9 (NKJV)

⁹ With my soul I have desired You in the night,
Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early;

For when Your judgments *are* in the earth,
The inhabitants of the world will learn
righteousness.

1. Continuation
2. Consideration

3. Consecration

John 12:46 (NKJV)

⁴⁶ I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

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⁴⁶ I have come as a light

John 12:35–36 (NKJV)

³⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may

become sons of light.” These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

John 1:4–5 (NKJV)

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 3:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 8:12 (NKJV)

¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

John 9:5 (NKJV)

⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Christ is light = meaning

Moral light — Holiness, righteousness

Intellectual light — truth exposure of error

Spiritual light — — Revelation of God to man

Moral light = shows what is good, righteous, pure, holy, exposing bad, unrighteous, ungodly, unholy, sin, sinfulness, perversion,

Intellectually — Truth exposes error, false teaching, wrong theology, Heresies, about God, Christ, Atonement, sin, Heaven, Hell, Men, women, children, family, Mankind, Depravity, Salvation, Repentance, forgiveness, Righteousness, Future, Past Present....

Spiritual light —- Reveals God to man, Christ and His Atonement, Conviction for Sin, The need for salvation. understanding, illumination of God.

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The Evangelist thus continues the theme of vv. 35, 36, using the light/darkness antithesis not only to invite belief by making darkness repulsive, but also to stress, in preparation for vv. 47–48, **that the purpose of his coming was not to bring condemnation but transformation.**

Carson, D. A. (1991). *The Gospel according to John* (p. 452). Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans.

Acts 26:17–18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸ to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

Ephesians 5:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

John 8:12 (NKJV)

¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

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stay (remain) v. — to stay put (in a certain place).

𐤀𐤓𐤁-to sit, sit down, remain sitting, to dwell to be inhabited, to marry

Christ came for the purpose that you should not remain, stay put, dwell in darkness.

Colossians 1:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

1 John 2:6 (NKJV)

⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

1 John 3:6–8 (NKJV)

⁶ Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. ⁸ He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1. Continuation
2. Consideration
3. Consecration

II. Terminal Severing Facts

⁴⁷ **And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge**

him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

⁴⁸ He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

1. Absolute Unbelief
2. Active Rejection
3. Specific Rebellion

III. Total Synergistic Faithfulness

⁴⁹ For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

⁵⁰ And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

1. Source

2.Seriouness

3.Singleness