

“Window To The World”
John 12:44-50

Introduction:

1. As We Turn Back In Our Bibles:
 - To John 12 This Morning:
 - I Want You To Imagine:
 - Living Your Life:
 - In A Room With:
 - No Light & No Windows!
 - A Room That Is:
 - Completely Dark:
 - Without Even A Hint:
 - Of Light!
2. This Is - Spiritually:
 - What Your World & Your Heart:
 - Would Still Be Like:
 - If God Did Not Make A Way:
 - For His Light:
 - To Break Into:
 - The Dark Room Of Your Life!
3. But - When Jesus Came:
 - He Fulfilled The Prophecy:
 - Of Isaiah 9:2 - Which Tells Us That:
 - “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined!”
 - And So - When Jesus Came:
 - Into This World - And - Into Your Life:
 - He Came To Be A Window:
 - That Would Let In:
 - The Heavenly Light Of God’s Grace & Truth!
 - A Window To The World!
4. And - This Is What:
 - We Have Already Seen:
 - All Through The Gospel Of John!
 - John Tells Us How:
 - Jesus Came As:
 - “The Light Of The World!”
 - And - He Offers Proof:
 - Through Both The Words Of Jesus - And:
 - The Works Of Jesus!
 - But - What We Even Saw The Last Time:
 - We Were In John 12:
 - There Can Be One Of Two Responses:
 - To The Light Of Jesus:
 - When He Reveals Himself As The Window Of Heaven:
 - To This World!
 - You Can Either:
 - Believe Him - Or - Not!
 - That Is - You Can Either:
 - Trust In Him - Or:
 - Turn From Him!
5. But - As We Come To The Final Verses:
 - Of John 12 - Jesus Himself:
 - Makes One Final Public Appeal:
 - For His People:
 - To Let His Light:
 - Into Their Lives!

- And That Is Why:
 - Starting In 12:44 - We Are Told That:
 - “Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. / And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. / I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. / And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. / He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. / For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. / And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak!”

6. Now Even Though:

- These Verses Are Right In The Middle:
 - Of The Gospel Of John:
 - They Are Actually Jesus’ Final Public Challenge:
 - To His People!
 - Starting In Chapter 13:
 - He Turns His Attention:
 - To His Disciples:
 - In Order To Prepare Them For:
 - His Death!
 - So - As Jesus’ Final Public Appeal:
 - There Is An Urgency To It!
 - Which Is Why Jesus:
 - “Cried Out” These Words:
 - With A Voice That Was:
 - Loud And Clear!

7. He Wanted His People - And:

- He Wants Us Even Today:
 - To Hear His Words - And:
 - To See That He Alone Is:
 - God’s Window To This World:
 - To Show Us The Light Of God’s Grace & Truth!
- And So - The First Thing:
 - That Jesus Wanted To Do:
 - When He “Cried Out” These Words - Was:

1. To Further Reassure:

- Us That He Is God’s Window To This World!
 - And We Can See This In:
 - 12:44-45 - When Again:
 - “Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. / And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me!”
 - Now - The Last People We Met:
 - In This Chapter:
 - Were Some Of The “Chief Rulers” In 12:42 - Who - We Are Told:
 - “Believed On Him” - But - “Did Not Confess Him!”
 - Which Means That Their Faith In Jesus:
 - Though Present:
 - Was Very Weak!
 - And So - When Jesus “Cries Out” - I Believe:
 - He First Wants To Address:
 - Those Who Do Believe In Him!
 - Even If Their Faith Is:
 - Weak Or Even Still A Bit Wary!
 - And - He Wants To Reassure Them:
 - And Us - That:
 - He Is All That He Claimed To Be!

- That He Is God's Window To This World!
- And So - To:
- The Weak In Faith:
 - He Reassures Us That:
 - All Of His Words!
 - All Of His Works! Even:
 - All Of His Will!
 - Was All From Heaven! And:
 - Was All Of God!
 - 12:44 - "He That Believeth On Me, Believeth Not On Me, But On Him That Sent Me!"
 - Now - This Is Not The First Time:
 - That Jesus Says That:
 - He Was Sent!
 - In Fact - This Is One Of The Main Themes:
 - That We Find In John!
 - That - "The Father Sent His Son To Be The Savior Of The World!" (1 John 4:14)
 - And That Is Why:
 - Back In 7:16 - Jesus Said:
 - "My Doctrine Is Not Mine, But His That Sent Me!"
 - So - All Of His Words Were:
 - His Father's Words!
 - And - In 9:4 - Jesus Said:
 - "I Must Do The Works Of Him That Sent Me!"
 - So - All Of His Works Were:
 - His Father's Works!
 - And - In 6:38 - Jesus Even Said:
 - "I Came Down From Heaven, Not To Do Mine Own Will, But The Will Of Him That Sent Me!"
 - So - All Of His Will Was:
 - His Father's Will!
 - And So - To Believe In Jesus:
 - Is To Believe In His Father!
 - And - This Is What Can Bring Strength:
 - To A Faith That Is Weak!
 - Jesus Was Not Just Another:
 - "Influencer" - Trying To Get:
 - People To Follow Him!
 - Jesus Was & Is God's Window:
 - To This World:
 - To Let His Heavenly Light:
 - Shine In!
 - So - Let This Truth Sink In - And:
 - Strengthen Your Faith!
 - But Then - In The Next Verse - 12:45:
 - I Believe Jesus Also Wants To Reassure Even:
- The Wary In Faith!
 - Because He Adds:
 - "And He That Seeth Me - Or - Is Beholding Me - Seeth Him That Sent Me!"
 - There May Have Been Some Standing There:
 - Who Were Still On The Fence:
 - When It Came To Jesus!
 - And So - Even Though They Did Not Yet:
 - Believe In Him - They Kept On:
 - Beholding Him!
 - That Is - Watching & Observing Him!
 - To Them - Jesus Says:
 - When They Look At Him:
 - They Are Looking At:

- God The Father Himself!
 - Because He Is God's Window To This World!
- Back In 5:19 - Jesus Also Said:
 - "The Son Can Do Nothing Of Himself, But What He Seeth The Father Do; For What Things Soever He Doeth, These Also Doeth The Son!"
 - And Then - In 14:9 - He Will Even Say:
 - "He That Hath Seen Me Hath Seen The Father!"
 - This Means That:
 - The Connection Between:
 - God The Father & God The Son:
 - Is So Close - That To See The One Is To See The Other!
- And So - They Did Not Need To:
 - Stay On The Fence!
 - They Did Not Need To:
 - Doubt Any Longer!
 - But Believe In Him!
- And So - When You Look To Jesus:
 - As God's Window To This World - And:
 - God's Window Into The Darkness:
 - Of Your Own Life:
 - He Will Reassure You Of:
 - God's Grace & Truth!
 - And Whether Your Faith Is:
 - Weak Or Still Wary:
 - Look To Him! And:
 - He Will Strengthen Your Faith!

* But Then - When Jesus "Cried Out" These Words - He Also Wanted:

2. To Further Reveal:

- Even More Of God's Grace & Truth:
 - As God's Window To This World!
 - And We Can See This In:
 - 12:46-48 - Where He Summarizes Much Of The Message He Preached:
 - Throughout His Ministry!
 - It May Even Be That:
 - Jesus Addressed These Words:
 - To The Once We Met Back In:
 - 12:37 - Who - "Though He Had Done So Many Miracles Before Them, Yet They Believed Not On Him!"
 - And So - He Wanted To Give Them:
 - Another Chance & Another Opportunity:
 - To Believe!
 - So - 12:46-48 - To Them He Says:
 - "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. / And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. / He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day!"
- So - In 12:46 - Jesus Wanted To:
 - Reveal Once Again:
 - His Great Might - Even To Those:
 - Who Were Still Living In Darkness!
 - His Might - To Shine!
 - On Them & In Them!
 - This Reminds Us Of:
 - What Jesus Just Said Back In:
 - 12:35-36 - "Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. / While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light!"

- Jesus Wants To:
 - Bring God's Light:
 - Into Your Darkness!
 - So That You No Longer Need To:
 - Live In That Darkness!
 - Are You Still "Abiding In Darkness?"
 - There's Hope & There's Help For You!
 - Believe That He Is:
 - God's Window To Your World!
 - And That He Is Able:
 - To Bring Light Into Your Darkness!
 - Whatever That May Be!
 - So That - As A Christian:
 - You *Need* Not:
 - Remain In Darkness!
 - Because - One Day - You *Will* Not:
 - Abide In Darkness!
 - So Now - Look To Jesus:
 - So That You *Do* Not:
 - Live In Darkness!
 - Remember - 1 John 2:8:
 - "The Darkness Is Past, And The True Light Now Shineth!"
 - Because It Is The Great Might Of Jesus:
 - To Shine Into Your Life:
 - That Will Transform Your Life!
- And Then - In 12:47 - Jesus:
 - Reveals His Great Mercy!
 - Even To Those Who Do Not Believe In Him!
 - This Is Why He Says:
 - "And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world!"
 - This Further Reveals Jesus' Great Mercy:
 - To Save!
 - Now - This Does Not Mean That:
 - Jesus Is Not The Judge!
 - Because He Is!
 - Nor Does This Mean That:
 - Jesus Will Not Judge!
 - Because He Will!
 - What This Means Is That:
 - The Mission Jesus Had:
 - At His First Coming Was:
 - To "Seek And To Save The Lost!"
 - So - Until The Final Judgment:
 - Jesus Offers Sinners:
 - Space & Time To:
 - Repent & Believe In Him!
 - Jesus Is Still:
 - God's Window To This World:
 - Of His Grace & Truth:
 - To Bring Salvation:
 - To Sinners Like Us!
 - And - This Is Why John:
 - Wrote His Gospel!
 - 20:31 - "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name!"
 - This Is The Great Mercy Of Jesus!
 - To Save To The Uttermost:

- Those Who Come Unto God By Him! (Hebrews 7:25)
- But Then - In 12:48 - Jesus Also Wanted To:
 - Reveal His Great Message:
 - To Those Who Would Not Believe In Him!
 - Because His Message:
 - That Brings Salvation:
 - To Those Who Hear & Believe It!
 - At The Same Time:
 - Will Bring Shame:
 - To Those Who Don't!
 - 12:48 - "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day!"
 - In Other Words:
 - When The Judgment Day Arrives!
 - And - There Will Be A Day:
 - Of Final Judgment!
 - When - "Every Knee Shall Bow & Every Tongue Confess" The Lord Jesus!
 - Even Then Jesus Will Not Need To Bring An Indictment Against Them!
 - Because The Words Of Jesus Already Spoken:
 - The Message Of The Gospel:
 - Will Be Ringing In Their Ears:
 - Judging & Condemning Their Own Souls!
 - **IE**: Kind Of Like A Child - Do Something Wrong - Then Remember Parent's Warning - Of What Not To Do! But - "In The Last Day" - They Will Remember Jesus' Words Of What To Do! Turn & Trust!
 - A Message That Has Been Around Since The Beginning! As In:
 - Ezekiel 33:11 - "As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?"
- So - Jesus Is Still God's Window To This World:
 - To Reveal His Grace And Truth!
 - And Through Both:
 - The Welcome & The Warning:
 - Of The Gospel:
 - God Wants You To Look To Jesus:
 - To Experience His Light!

* And Then - Third - When Jesus "Cried Out" These Words - He Also Wanted:

3. To Further Remind:

- Us That He Alone Is:
 - The Window To This World:
 - Of God's Grace & Truth!
 - Which Is Why He Adds:
 - "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. / And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak!"
 - Once Again - Jesus Reminds Us Of:
 - The Close Connection Between Him And His Father!
 - And - Because Of Their Relationship, You Can Trust In:
- His Faithfulness!
 - When Jesus Spoke:
 - His Words Were Not Just His Words!
 - They Were The Words Of His Father!
 - 12:49 - "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak!"
 - So - In The Wonderful Relationship:
 - In The Trinity:
 - Whatever The Father:

- Told / Commanded His Son To Say - Jesus Said!
- Willingly! Submissively! And Lovingly!
- This Is Why You Can Trust:
 - In The Faithful Words Of Jesus:
 - That He Has Given To Us!
 - Not Just In The Red Letters - But All The Letters Of This Book!
 - You Can Also Trust In:
- His Favor!
 - When Jesus Says In:
 - 12:50 - That - "I Know That His Commandment Is Life Everlasting!"
 - Not Only Does He Know It:
 - He Affirms & Approves Of It:
 - As Well!
 - But - What "Commandment" Is Jesus Talking About?
 - What "Commandment" Did God The Father:
 - Give His Son?
 - The Message Of The Gospel!
 - The Message That:
 - He Came So That:
 - You Might Have Life - And That:
 - You Might Have It More Abundantly! (10:10)
 - Because This Is The Message:
 - That **Is** Life Everlasting!
 - That "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life!" (3:16)
 - You Can Trust In:
 - The Words Of Jesus:
 - Because They Are God's Window To This World:
 - Of His Favor & Grace:
 - To All Who Believe!
 - But - You Can Also Trust In:
 - His Function:
 - As The Very Word Of God!
 - Just As Jesus Says:
 - To End His Final Public Message:
 - Crying Out So That All Might Hear:
 - "Whatsoever I Speak Therefore, Even As The Father Said Unto Me, So I Speak!"
 - Don't We Need This Reminder?
 - Even Today?
 - That You Can Still Trust In:
 - The Words Of Jesus!
 - And Even - That You Can Still Trust In:
 - The Whole Word About Jesus:
 - Because Of His Faithfulness, His Favor, And His Function!
 - Because - The Lord Jesus Christ:
 - Has Been God's Window Of Light:
 - Into This Dark World:
 - From The Very Beginning!

Conclusion:

1. So - Whenever You Need:
 - Reassurance:
 - To Your Faith!
 - Whether It Is Weak Or Still Wary!
 - Look Once Again:
 - To Jesus - Who Is The Very:
 - "Author & Finisher Of Your Faith!"

2. And - Whenever You Struggle:
 - With Darkness:
 - Look Once Again:
 - To Jesus - Who Will Continue To Reveal To You:
 - His Might & His Mercy & His Message!
 - So That You Will No Longer:
 - "Abide In Darkness!"
3. And - Whenever You Are Bombarded:
 - By The Doubts & Fears:
 - That The World Will Hurl Upon You:
 - For Your Faith!
 - Remember That:
 - As The Word Of God:
 - Jesus Will Always Remain Faithful:
 - To The Word Of God!
4. All Because:
 - He Is God's Window!
 - Not Only To This World:
 - But To Your Heart!

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