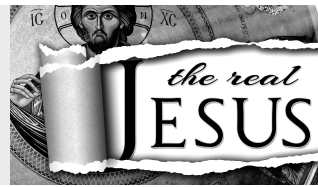


# Jesus' Last Public Appeal

The Real Jesus- Part 36 John 12:35-50  
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## 1. Examine who you're living to please.

We were made to enjoy rich human relationships. We were created to be invested in the lives of family, friends and co-workers. The danger is when we find ourselves more concerned with keeping the peace or approval of others at the expense of our integrity to honor our first relationship - with God.

Don't miss one of the underlying ideas at work here, that **God is pleased when we honor Him** with our words and lifestyle.

## 2. Light: It is a popular theme in John - how does Jesus use it here? What does it mean for us?

A. Walking in the light is a popular Old Testament metaphor. Primarily used to describe people who took advantage of the guidance God provided. Just like turning on a light in a dark room reveals all that otherwise may be hidden, Jesus' teaching and way of life reveals the fullness of God's truth for us to see and follow.

B. Jesus is also warning us about priorities. His time with them was coming to a close in a few days! If we fail to prioritize Him now, don't assume that you can avoid the consequences of rejecting Him.

C. Your allegiance (belief/trust) should identify you as God's "Child" (Jn 12:36). Like any other family, God's family has character traits that are embodied by the children.

"Light" in John Chapters: 1:4; 3:19; 5:35; 8:12; 9:5; 11:9 & 12:36&46

## 3. Jesus as THE example.

Jesus was the perfect follower... doing what was commanded of him in everything. Jesus does not ask us to do what he was not willing to do himself. Following God "leads" us to a priceless life with God that **not even** death can keep us from enjoying!

Jn. 12:49&50 "the Father who sent me commanded me... I say is just what the Father has told me"

Jn 5:30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.



### Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. The New Oxford American Dictionary, defines "believe" as: "accept (something) as true; feel sure of the truth". Clearly the New Testament has a much richer definition in mind. What words would you use today to better articulate what "believe" means in the Bible in everyday language?
3. Why the urgency from Jesus about "walking in the light" (John 12:35) right now? Even with Jesus' soon departure hasn't he promised the Holy Spirit?

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