

**Text:** John 12:42-50

**Title:** "Jesus Christ – Unfiltered"

**Big Idea:** We need to let Jesus speak for Himself.

**INTRO>>** If Jesus were speaking today, I wonder what would Jesus preach about Himself? Unfiltered – Unedited...Just Jesus being Jesus. Wow, what would that be like?

The good news is that we have John's gospel sitting in front of us.

We don't have to wonder – we just need to read, study and carefully interpret this text.

So today, let's let Jesus speak for Himself. Unfiltered.

## **READ John 12:42-50**

This passage closes the longest section of John's gospel. Closes with Jesus' inv to believe.

Chapter 12 is busy...Jesus' is anointed, the plot to kill Lazarus, Triumphal Entry.

Vs. 42-50 is Jesus' final public invitation and teaching before the cross in John's gospel.

All the ministry, all the teaching, all the miracles...so that Jesus can explain who He is.

### **I. "I Am God's Son" (vs. 44, 45)**

A. In addition to His other titles, John focused on this title in His gospel.

**B. Jesus Christ claimed a unique, one of a kind relationship with God the Father.**

C. We see this in two statements...

1. "He who believes IN ME...Believes not in me(only)...but in Him who sent me."

a. Believing in Jesus Christ is the same or equivalent to believing GTF.

2. "He who SEES ME...Sees Him who sent me."

a. Again, Jesus claims seeing Him is same as seeing God. God is the one who sent JC.

b. He is God's Son. Jesus claimed to perfectly explain who God is.

D. Let's let Jesus speak...John 1:18, 5:16-18, 6:42-46, 8:19, 10:30 & 38

### **II. "I Am God's Light" (vs. 46)**

A. Light is used here to refer to revelation of God's character, nature and purpose.

B. It is also describing moral or ethical righteousness versus sin.

C. This statement of Jesus has a couple of pre-suppositions...

**1. That the world is IN a STATE OF DARKNESS because of sin.**

**2. That all humans are abiding or living in darkness.**

D. So Jesus has come as God's light to reveal our sin and reveal God to us.

E. Those who believe in the light are immediately conveyed from darkness to LIGHT!

F. Jesus...John 3:16-21 / 8:12 / 9:35-28 & 9:39-41 / 12:35, 36

### **III. "I Am God's Judge" (vs. 47, 48)**

A. *His First Coming (vs. 47)*

1. Jesus isn't saying He will never judge people for unbelief...it just isn't time yet.

2. This is Jesus' first coming...grace, mercy...a time of opportunity to believe.

**3. Judgment was executed upon HIM at His first coming instead of on us.**

*B. His Second Coming (vs. 48)*

1. Notice the time element “at the last day”
  2. Jesus promises to judge people
    - a. “He who REJECTS me...”
    - b. “He who does NOT RECEIVE my words.”
  3. Jesus will execute judgment with His word on those who reject Him / His word.
- C. Jesus...John 5:21-24.

**IV. “I Am God’s Messenger” (vs. 49, 50)**

A. Jesus repeatedly emphasized that GTF SENT HIM!

***B. Jesus Spoke BECAUSE the Father Commanded Him! (vs. 49)***

1. “I have not spoken OUT OF MYSELF” / “The Father...gave me a command”
2. GTF told Jesus to speak – so Jesus spoke.

***C. Jesus Spoke EXACTLY as the Father Commanded Him (vs. 50)***

1. The words Jesus spoke contained eternal life.
2. Jesus was careful to say EXACTLY what GTF told Him to say!

D. Jesus...John 6:38, 7:16-17, 7:28-29, 10:17-18, 17:1-3

***What would Jesus Christ say about Himself?***

I am God’s Son / I am God’s Light / I am God’s Judge / I am God’s Messenger

***Why does this matter?***

1. Do you want to be child of God? Believe God’s Son!  
Do you want to be healed Spiritual blindness and death? Believe God’s light.  
Do you want to escape judgment and wrath for sin? Believe God’s Judge!  
Do you want to hear God’s word and truth? Believe God’s Messenger!
2. We don’t get to remake God in our image...He remakes us into His.
3. Jesus Christ as the Bible reveals Him is NOT popular or politically correct.
  - a. What would Jesus Christ preach to room full of Jewish people? Muslims?
  - b. What would Jesus Christ preach to a room full of skeptics?

*Now What?*

**1. BELIEVE Him!** Trust Him!

**2. DECLARE Him!** We are too vague, too soft and too careful with Jesus Christ.

- a. Let the LION roar...Let Him out of His cage...We need to let Jesus be Jesus.
- b. Jesus Christ CRIED OUT this message...it wasn’t a whimper.
- c. We need CLARITY & BOLDNESS so we can declare who Jesus is to a world that need
- d. This world needs Jesus UNFILTERED.