Craig Lile, Pastor March 8, 2026

# "LIGHT OF THE WORLD". . . A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## *The People's Response to Jesus*

John 12:36-43 Pew Bible Page 587

(Large print edition available at the tables on both sides of the Worship Center)

This is a landmark in John's gospel theology. Jesus came, offered His words and works, and His own people rejected the _____/_____ of God (1:11). John 12:36-50 is the apostle's 2-part postscript to the end of this section before his narrative moves to the Upper Room:

- Part 1 (verses 36-43) is John's editorial comment on the state of belief among the people of Israel.
- Part 2 (verses 44-50) is John's summary of Jesus' teaching throughout His 3 ½ years of ministry.

Many in the crowd "_____ on _____ believing" just as Isaiah had predicted In Isaiah 53:1.

Quoting Isaiah 6:10, John stated that even though Jesus had performed so many signs, they _____ not believe. So God punished them so they _____ not believe.

Free choice and predestination _____ God (displaying His character, His wisdom, His justice and His mercy, as well as His love, grace, holiness, sovereign will, and so much more).

Man's salvation, choice, and destiny reveal that God alone is _____ (supreme in power and in dominion). God is the ultimate and reigning ruler of the universe. Our response should be humility, honor, and worship.

Many Israelites (even among their rulers) did believe in Jesus but chose to be _____ _____ out of fear of being banished from the Temple.

Being a _____ _____ of Christ is a contradiction between beliefs and actions. Sooner or later either the secrecy will destroy one's discipleship or one's discipleship will destroy the secrecy.

A fear of man and desire for his approval is a snare leading to _____, but growing faith publicly proclaims God and is _____ by His confidence and assurance (verses 42-43; Proverbs 29:25).

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EXPERIENCE FAITH

Encounter God
MATTHEW 18:20

Experience God Together
MATTHEW 22:37-40

Empty Self
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

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# OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE E3 FAITH

**Welcome to each of our guests! Thank you so much for coming. We hope you are blessed today and will come again very soon. It would help us greatly if you will complete the tear-off section of this bulletin and turn it in after the service at the E³ CENTRAL desk in the main foyer or in the offering stands at the exit doors. We have a gift at E³ CENTRAL for each first-time guest and will follow up with you by telephone.**

## *Pray For Israel and Ukraine*

Deacons meet today at 12:15 p.m. in room 501. We are grateful for our deacons and their families.

## *College Ministry*

Pray for our College Ministry, as they left Friday for Beach Reach in partnership with the BSM. They are taking a team of 48 students and 10 leaders to South Padre Island to witness to college students who are there to party during Spring Break. They will return Saturday. Keep the group and the beach ministry in your prayers this week.

## *Movie Monday*

Senior Movie Monday is March 16 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The movie is "Overcomer" (about 2 hours), and popcorn and drinks will be provided.

## *Wednesday, March 18*

Wednesday, March 18 there will be a break in our normal schedule of children, youth and adult Equip classes. Instead, after supper, we will have a special missions update in Fellowship Hall from our recent Papua New Guinea mission team. Normal classes will resume the following week. We are looking forward to hearing their update and really encourage you to plan now to attend.

## *Abide Women's Ministry*

All ladies are invited to attend

**BIBLE STUDY** – Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in room 145

**BOOK CLUB** – Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m. at McAlister's Deli 3900 Call Field Rd.

Anyone interested in joining a dinner group, please contact Delynn Mabry at 940-733- 6830.

For information, contact Lauren Welch at 940-631-0579, stay connected to Abide by liking them on Facebook at "Faith Baptist Church – Abide Women's Ministry" or go to faithwf.com to see event dates and times.

## *Faith Fellowship Supper*

Due to the WFISD spring break, we will not have our Wednesday night fellowship meal, and preschool, children, youth and adult equip classes will not meet this week only. The orchestra and Worship Choir will meet at their regular times.

## *Save These Dates*

**FAITH KIDS VBS — JUNE 8-12 — 9:00-12:00 P.M.**
Completed kindergarten through 5th grade

**PRETEEN CAMP — JULY 13-17 IN DENTON, TX**
Completed 4th-6th graders

**FALLS CREEK YOUTH CAMP — JUNE 22—27**
Students 7th-12th grades

## *Tithes and Offerings*

Offering stands are located at the exit doors for your contributions. Online and mailed contributions are also welcomed. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.

## *Online and Text Giving*

Online giving is available using your debit card. Go to faithwf.com and click on the online giving link. You will have the same options that are available on your offering envelope and will receive a receipt for your contribution.

Giving through text message is also available! To contribute, text **FBCtxt** and the **amount** you want to give to **73256**. When you make your first contribution you will need to set up your account information, which will be saved, so that future contributions will be quick and easy. This option is available for general budget contributions only.

**PARENT ROOM** to assist parents with restless children, the Parent Room is to your right as you sit in the Worship Center. Sound, windows into the Worship Center, and subdued lighting are available.

**E³ CENTRAL** is located in the Rhea Road foyer outside the Worship Center. It is the place to go for information about preschool, children's, youth and adult activities and all things in church life.

## *Experience God Together with Us*

8:00 a.m. Streaming of last week's sermon available online
8:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Worship Center
9:45 a.m. Small Group Sunday School classes for all ages
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center