“Many Came to Believe in Him”

Intro: As the Lord is willing, today and the next Lord’s Day, ... the ________________ is going to be geared toward ... those who think they are spiritually ________________ when they are not. Such is a perilous place to be, to think oneself healthy when they are not for such a one takes no corrective measure. We must be sure that we truly ________________ ________________ Jesus.

A. This matter is of utmost importance for ________________ is the One and Only Good Shepherd, for He alone ________________ down His ________________ for the sheep! (Cf. Jo. 10:11)

B. This morning we will read of a group who believed they were in good standing with God but were not, and of another group who ________________ came to ___________ ________________ in Jesus. From this, we will learn what it means to believe ___________ ____________.

I. ________________ “ ________________ therefore again to them (the Jewish authorities), ‘I go away, and you shall seek Me, and shall die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.’”

A. Having rejected the only way to the Father they were to die in their sin of ________________, and they would be prevented from going where Christ was to go for the door to heaven would be ________________ to them.

B. In thinking there was only one place Jesus could go that they could not, ... and being quite sure that they themselves would go to heaven, ________________ sarcastically and blasphemously ________________ that He was going to kill Himself, which to them meant that He would be cast into the deepest and darkest part of hell for all eternity.

C. Jesus identified that at that present time ________________ were from below, His statement being in the present tense. They might ________________ Him saying that at some future time He would kill Himself and go to the place below but in fact, they were, at that present time, ________________ ________________!

1. Jesus identified why it was that they did not believe Him, for He said, “__________ ________________ of this world!” And how could they understand Him for He said, “__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ of this world.”

D. It was because of their ________________ condition that the Lord mercifully warned them they would die in their sins. ... Jesus opened the door of salvation for them, shining the light upon their dark path, showing them the way by saying, “______________ ____ you believe that I am He!”

1. We read in Exodus 3:14, when Moses asked God who he should say sent him “to the sons of Israel,” “God said to Moses, ‘ __ __ __ __ __ __ WHO I AM’; and He said, ‘Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ’I AM has sent me to you.’” Here, in the text, Jesus used the same expression in referring to Himself saying, “unless you believe that I am!” It is to say as the translators have it, “I am He ( _______ _ Almighty)!” Because Jesus is God, the Great I Am, “there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).
E. The Jews asked Jesus, “____________ are ____________?”

1. “Jesus said to them, ‘What have I been saying to you from the beginning?’” ...
   “I am the _______________ of life ...” “I am the Living _______________ ...
   “I am the _______________ of the world ...”

II. ______________ predicted that there would come a time when they would know that
    He is __________ ____________ __ __ __ __.

A. The time would come when they would ______________ up the Son of Man; that is,
    when they would crucify Him, lifting Him up upon the _______________. As A. W. Pink
    put it, “... the crucifixion would be accompanied and followed by such manifestations
    of His Divine glory that He would be fully vindicated, and ________________ would be __
    _______________ that He was indeed the Messiah, and that He had done and
    said only what He had been commissioned by the Father to do and say.”

III. As He _______________ these things, many came to believe in Him.

A. F.F. Bruce wrote, “Such was the power with which He spoke that many of His
   _______________ were ______________ by His words
   without waiting for the final evidence of His ‘lifting up’.”

B. “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17)! And as
   a result, many of the _______________ (the true hearers) ______________
   ______________ in Him.

1. And now church, what does it mean to believe in Him_______. Here is all the
   difference in the world; here is the difference between heaven and hell! They did
   not believe in His name because they saw the signs (cf. Jo. 2:23-25), but many
   came to _______________ in Him, because they heard what He
   spoke. Because they believed His words they believed in Him. They believed ___
   _____ that ______________ concerning Himself, submitting themselves to Him.

C. These Jews _______________ they were right before God being God’s
   chosen people, many being Levites, learned men of skill and position, but in all of that
   when Jesus spoke they did _______________ in Him! And thus,
   unless they would come to believe in Jesus, that He is the I AM, they would die in their
   sins! We thank God that though there were those who did not believe, many came to
   believe in Him.

Closing thoughts: Congregation, we have before us in the text ______________ types of
people, those who did not believe in Jesus and those who did believe in
Jesus. And these two _______________ represent all of mankind. So, it is proper to ask ourselves, “Among __
_____________ of the two groups _______________?”

A. One might ask, “________ then do I know that I am _______________?” And
   the answer comes to us this day, “You are saved by grace through faith!” Do you
   believe in Jesus? Do you _______________ the Words of Christ? Do you
   believe what He spoke, all that He said about Himself? That He is the Christ?”
   Here is the illness and remedy: Jesus said, “... that you shall die in your sins ...
   _______________ you believe that ___ _____ ...” Believe in Him!