

## “I Have Come as Light”

**Intro:** F.F. Bruce writes, “This paragraph, then, which summarizes the message of \_\_\_\_\_ in many discourses in the earlier part of the Gospel, forms an appropriate transition to the following division of the \_\_\_\_\_, in which Jesus turns from the unbelieving world to reveal the Father’s love to the inner circle of those who opened their hearts to Him and His revelation.”

**A.** Here in our present text we have a wrapping up of the Lord’s public \_\_\_\_\_ where John the Beloved gives us a condensed version or \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christ’s teaching.

**I.** Verse 44, “And Jesus cried out and said, ‘He who \_\_\_\_\_ in Me does not believe in Me, but \_\_\_\_\_ who sent Me.’”

**A.** That “Jesus \_\_\_\_\_” tells us with what consistency and intensity Jesus proclaimed this truth, demonstrating the \_\_\_\_\_ of it!

**B.** This \_\_\_\_\_ is essential, being absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ to salvation and needs to be clearly understood: If one accepts Jesus as the Son of God, they have accepted God Himself. But, if one should reject Jesus as the Son of God, they have also rejected God Himself. To \_\_\_\_\_ is to reject \_\_\_\_\_ (which is to reject salvation)!

**II.** Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ or sees \_\_\_\_\_ beholds and \_\_\_\_\_ the Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ who sent Him.

**A.** Col. 1:15 says, “And [\_\_\_\_\_] \_\_\_\_\_ the image of the invisible \_\_\_\_\_, the first-born of all creation.” And Heb 1:3 says, “And [Jesus] is the radiance of [God’s] glory and the \_\_\_\_\_ representation of His nature, ...”

**III.** The \_\_\_\_\_ for which the Father sent His Son into the world was to \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** I John 4:10 expresses the truth that Jesus came as light by saying that God “loved us and sent His Son to be the \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins.” And verse 14 says, “that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.” As 1 Peter 3:18 says, “For \_\_\_\_\_ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might \_\_\_\_\_, ...”

**B.** The Father sent \_\_\_\_\_ to be as light so that everyone who believes in Him may \_\_\_\_\_ remain in \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV.** And Jesus taught, verse 47, “And if anyone hears My sayings, and does not keep them, \_\_\_\_\_ him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.”

**A.** The purpose for which Christ came was to save the lost. Jesus said, John 3:17, “For God did \_\_\_\_\_ send the Son into the world to \_\_\_\_\_ the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.” And He said, 5:45, “Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; ...” Luke 9:56 says, “... the Son of Man did \_\_\_\_\_ come to \_\_\_\_\_ men’s lives, but to save them.” And 19:10, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and \_\_\_\_\_ that which was lost.”

B. Those who refuse to believe in Jesus by refusing to receive His Word as truth have condemned themselves. It is as God said to Moses, Deuteronomy 18:18-19, "... I will put \_\_\_\_\_ in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 'And it shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_."

C. On the Day of Judgment men will be \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Rev 20:11-12 says, "And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were \_\_\_\_\_ the things which were \_\_\_\_\_ in the books, according to their deeds."

D. Romans 2:5-8 says, "... because of \_\_\_\_\_ stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of \_\_\_\_\_ and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who will render to every man according to his deeds: 7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; 8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do \_\_\_\_\_ the truth, but obey unrighteousness, \_\_\_\_\_ and indignation."

E. Those who reject Christ, not believing His sayings will be judged by the words He spoke because He did not speak on His own initiative but \_\_\_\_\_ only as God the Father commanded Him in what to say and what to speak. To reject the words of Christ is to reject the very \_\_\_\_\_ God the \_\_\_\_\_.

F. As the Father Himself sent Jesus not to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him, so were the \_\_\_\_\_ that the Father instructed Jesus to speak meant to \_\_\_\_\_ eternal \_\_\_\_\_ to the hearer. To fail to receive Christ and His word is to fail to receive the Words of \_\_\_\_\_ Life given by the Father.

**Conclusion:** Let us be careful to \_\_\_\_\_ upon what we have heard for God speaks to us this very day through His Son by means of His Written Word. "God has not given an 'invitation' for men to act on at their pleasure, but a 'commandment' which they disobey at their peril. That commandment is 'that we should \_\_\_\_\_ upon the name of His Son \_\_\_\_\_ Christ' (I John 3:23), ..." (Pink)

Today you may obey Him believing in Jesus and receiving eternal life. But should anyone choose not to obey and \_\_\_\_\_ in His Son Jesus, they will be judged on the last day by the same \_\_\_\_\_ given to save them today. Jesus came into the world as light that that everyone who believes in Him may not remain in darkness. "While you have the light, believe in the light, in order that you may become sons of light" (Jo. 12:36).

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