

## John 12:34

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Think about [John 12:34](#).

*So the crowd answered him (Jesus), "We have heard from the Law (the Jew's scriptures) that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"*

- Why did this crowd question Jesus, after he proclaimed he would die lifted up on a cross?  
Consider: [Daniel 7:13-14](#). *"I (Daniel) saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."*

Think about [John 12:35-36](#).

*So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." ...*

- What did Jesus mean when he said, "The light is among you for a little while longer"?  
Consider: [John 9:4-5](#). (Jesus said) *We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*
- What two things did Jesus say they should do while they had the light among them? (See John 12:35-36 quoted above.)
- What are the results of disobeying these words? (See John 12:35-36 quoted above.)
- What are the results of obeying these words? (See John 12:35-36 quoted above.)
- What do you think; how are these words of Jesus relevant for us today? (See John 12:35-36 quoted above.)  
Consider: [John 3:19-21](#). (Jesus said) *"... this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."*

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Think about [John 12:36-37](#).

*... When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,*

- What evidence had God shown the Jews as reasons to believe Jesus?  
Consider: [Luke 7:20-23](#). *And when the men had come to him (Jesus), they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."*
  - Based on all the signs Jesus had done before them, what did many of the Jews conclude? (See John 12:36-37 quoted above.)
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Note: The prophet Isaiah lived about 700 years before the birth of Jesus the Christ.

Think about [John 12:37-41](#).

*Though he (Jesus) had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" ([Isaiah 53:1](#)) Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." ([Isaiah 6:9-10](#)) Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ([Isaiah 6:1](#))*

- How did the Jew's reaction to Jesus, fulfill Isaiah's prophecy, "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us"?
  - For these unbelieving Jews, why could they not believe?
  - Why did Isaiah speak these prophecies about the Christ?
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