

John 12:42

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

Though he (Jesus) had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,

- What was the general reaction of the Jews to Jesus?

Think about [John 12:42-43](#).

Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him (Jesus), but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Note: In this context, the word "glory" means: praise, honor and high estimation.

- What was the reaction of many of the Jewish rulers to Jesus?
- What did these rulers fear?
- What did these rulers love?
- What did Jesus say about seeking glory from humans?
Consider: [John 5:41-44](#), "I do not receive glory from people. ... How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?"

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Think about [John 12:44-45](#).

And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me."

- What is true for anyone who believes Jesus?
- What is true for anyone who perceives Jesus?

Think about [John 12:46](#).

(Jesus said) "I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."

- Jesus coming into this world was like what?

- What does Jesus shed light on that enable humans to see it more clearly?
Consider: [John 14:7-11](#), (Jesus said) *"If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."* Philip said to him, *"Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."* Jesus said to him, *"Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves."*
 - What is true of anyone who believes Jesus? (See John 12:46 quoted above.)
 - What is true of anyone who does not believe Jesus? (See John 12:46 quoted above.)
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Think about [John 12:49-50](#).

(Jesus said) ... *"I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."*

- Who sent Jesus into this world?
 - Where did Jesus get the words he spoke?
 - What is the effect of the words God commanded Jesus to speak?
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Think about [John 12:47-48](#).

(Jesus said) *"If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day."*

- What was NOT the reason Jesus came to this world?
 - What was the reason Jesus came to this world?
 - For everyone who has heard Jesus' words, and does not receive them, but rejects Jesus as their savior; who will judge them on the last day?
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