

SERIES: Gospel of John  
**Understanding Unbelief**  
John 12:36-43

**Unbelief Denies God's Truth (12:37)**

- Unbelief is the conscious \_\_\_\_\_ of God and his Word.
  - No amount of evidence will ever be enough.
  - No amount of miracles will ever change the human heart.
- Unbelief is the only sin that will never be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Two truths become abundantly clear in this passage:
    - God is totally \_\_\_\_\_ in our salvation.
    - Man is morally \_\_\_\_\_ for his sin.

**Unbelief Fulfills God's Plan (12:38)**

- *Divine Design*: God \_\_\_\_\_ the unbelief of many in Israel so they would reject Jesus.
- *Inexcusable Israel*: Israel is \_\_\_\_\_ for their unbelief.
- *Redemptive Results*: God orchestrated the salvation of \_\_\_\_\_ through the unbelief of Israel.

**Unbelief Brings God's Judgment (12:39-41)**

- Isaiah 53 described the \_\_\_\_\_ servant, who had no form of majesty to be desired.
  - God blinded them with the human \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
  - They rejected his \_\_\_\_\_ and meekness.
- Isaiah 6 described the \_\_\_\_\_ king, whose majesty and holiness were to be rejected.
  - God hardened them with the divine \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
  - They rejected his \_\_\_\_\_ and majesty.
- Notice that John says Isaiah saw \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus is the God of the Old Testament.
  - Jesus is the judge of unbelievers.

**Unbelief Dismisses God's Approval (12:42-43)**

- Saving faith can never be a \_\_\_\_\_ faith.
  - Fear: They preferred their reputation among men rather than being \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- Saving faith can never be a \_\_\_\_\_ faith.
  - Love: They loved the applause of the world more than they longed for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.