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**Unit#2: The Word: The Agent of Creation**

**Subject: Bring the Light**

**Printed Text: John 12:44-50**

**Key Verse:** "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness (John 12: 46, NIV).

**Lesson Aims:**

- 1). Recognize that Jesus is God.
- 2). Desire a closer relationship with God through choosing to follow Christ.
- 3). Share with others the opportunity to come into the light of Christ.

**Key Terms:**

- 1). Cried (out) (verse 44) cried aloud; shrieked; shouted aloud.
- 2). Eternal Life (verse 50). Unending; quality or reality of God's life at work in the believer: eternal life operates simultaneously outside of time, inside of time and beyond time; "life everlasting."
- 3). Judge (verse 48): decide; make a judgement, either positive or negative (Which rejects or condemns) "judgement."
- 4). Light (verse 46): radiance; a source of light; divine illumination.
- 5). Rejects (verse 48): set aside; refuses; ignores; "rejected."

**Introduction:**

The real, challenge of any missed opportunity is to see it as an opportunity for growth instead of a cause of regret. "Then Jesus cried aloud", those words introduce us to the last public pronouncement of Jesus ministry. It is His final public invitation for the world to believe in Him. This passage serves as a summary of the central themes of the preaching of Jesus of Nazareth. First, the one who believes in Him believes in the one who sent Him. Second, He came as a light into the world so that everyone who believes in Him should not remain in darkness (verse 46). Third, those who reject Him and do not receive His word will be, judged by those same words on the last day (verse 48). Finally, says Jesus, He has not spoken on His own, but the Father who sent Him has given Him a commandment about what to say and speak (verse 49). In the spiritual realm, there is no recovery from deliberately missing or rejecting the opportunity to believe that Jesus Christ is God's son and to accept the salvation that He offers. God desires that none perish because of unbelief, but the chance to receive Jesus as savior will not always be available.

**The Biblical Context:**

The first half of the gospel of John centers on seven sign miracles selected to reveal Christ's true, identity and belief in Him. The second half of John's gospel what occurred afterward and how it led to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Background passage for this lesson include (1) our Lord's response to His impending death (John 12: 27 - 36); (2) John's

explanation of the Jew's unbelief (John 12: 37 - 43); and (3) Jesus' final words to the Jew's before concluding His public ministry among them (John 12: 44 - 50).

- **Topic #1 "The Final Opportunity"** (John 12: 44 - 46)

Jesus "cried" out in the text represents HIS LAST APPEAL TO THE LOST WORLD. HE was speaking to no one in particular, except to all readers of the WORD. The main point was to see of the believers, who they really believed in. This passage was, intended to explain what it means to "believe" in HIM, the Father of the Son, and the Holy Spirit (the Trinity 3 in 1). No one cannot love one and not the other for they are all the same "Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the father and the son" (2 John 9:). In John 12: 46, Jesus says "I have come into the world as a Light". This was a request that He made to the hearers (ear-listen), as their last chance to escape darkness (SIN) and believe in HIM (Light). Those who accept the light shall not be in darkness. Jesus has the power to give light to all people who wish to see clearly. This includes physical and spiritual vision (John 9: 1 - 4). Must have a relationship with Christ and remain diligent in becoming more like HIM. Christians the opportunity is now, for no man knows the hour or time that Jesus is coming. Judgement is coming and only Jesus saves us through salvation, if only you believe!!!

- **Topic #2 "The Only Escape"** (John 12: 47 - 50)

John's purpose for writing was to help avoid a spiritual dead end with no way to escape. That way is to believe in Christ and live John 20: 31 "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name". Although those refusing to believe in His name may be, judged, Jesus' final word include the reminder that He was not passing judgement on those refusing to accept him this time. His mission of judgement has the primary purpose not to condemnation but of salvation (John 12: 47). Those who accept Jesus' offer of light and lives accordingly come to understand the blessing that have found in Jesus. Jesus' work is to save, not to condemn A person's final judgement and eternal destiny is being determined by his or her present response to Jesus. However, Jesus warned that on the last day, those who refused to hear and obey His word would be, judged and condemned by the very words He spoke (John 12: 48). Jesus does not speak on His own; rather, He speaks on behalf of the One who sent Him and commanded Him what to say and speak. The seriousness of rejecting and disobeying His words was because God, the, Father had both given and commanded Him to deliver them (John 12: 49). Christ carried, out the Father's instructions just as He had received them because they contained the way to eternal life (John 12: 50)." To those who received Him He gave power to become children of God". He came unto his own and his own received him not "In rejecting Jesus and His Word, one rejects the Father who sent Him and commanded Him what to speak. That Word will be the judge on the last day.

**Closing Thought:**

He came not to condemn, but to offer salvation to all who chose or choose to believe. Every believer who made that choice has a dual responsibility- first, to desire a closer relationship with Him to strengthen his or her faith; and second; to share with others Jesus' invitation to come to Him by faith and enter an eternal and enter relationship with His Father.