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39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, 40

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and turn, and I would heal them."*

41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

44 And Jesus cried out and said, *"Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47 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. 48 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. 49 For 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. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."*

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But why was this happening? 12:38; Isa.53:1; Mt.17:7-9; Rom.10:13-21

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What does Jesus emphasize to this Jewish audience? 12:44-45; 13:20; Mt.10:40; Heb.1:1-3

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Despite all the signs Jesus had performed before them, they still did not believe in Him!

But why was this happening? **12:38; Isa.53:1; Mt.17:7-9; Rom.10:13-21**

They were not believing so that the Scriptures by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.

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John's commentary on Isa.6:10 is that God has passed judgment on them... can't believe!

What does **Isa.6:10** prophecy specifically about the nation of Israel? **6:44**

He (God) has blinded their eyes and He has hardened their heart. He prevents salvation!!

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Whoever believes in or sees Me, believes in / sees Him who sent Me. That is, the Father.

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He has come into the world as Light. Whoever believes in Me does not remain in darkness.

What about those who do not believe in Jesus? **12:47-48, 3:17; Rom.2:12-16; II Tim.4:1-2**

He does not now judge him. He came to save. However, His Words will finally judge him!

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