

# A TEXT WITHOUT A CONTEXT IS A PRETEXT!

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John 12:44-50, “Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.”

How can you NOT believe on Him if you did believe on Him? Someone is not thinking here! Notice that this is NOT a doctrinal statement about the Trinity or the nature of the Godhead. Why would He say “...whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness...”? When He just said that they believed NOT on him??? This is an error in understanding what was being said; and to whom it was being said to.

They did NOT believe on Him!

John 12:37-43, “But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.”

He is talking to UNBELIEVERS! Not to those that believed on him!

So this statement out of context shows a desperate wickedness in the hearts of men trying to teach a LIE.