

CHRIST'S EXPLANATION OF IMPLACABLE UNBELIEF JOHN 12:37-43

I. THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL'S MESSIAH WAS CERTAINLY NOT DUE TO ANY LACK OF INFALLIBLE PROOFS (12:37)

- A. There Had Been A Seemingly Endless String Of "Signs"
- B. John Selectively Gave A Sampling Of Seven In Ascending Difficulty
 - 1. 2:1-11
 - 2. 4:46-54
 - 3. 5:1-15
 - 4. 6:1-14
 - 5. 6:15-21
 - 6. 9:1-7
 - 7. 11:1-44

II. THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL'S MESSIAH WAS CERTAINLY NOT A SURPRISE TO GOD SINCE HE HAD PREDICTED IT (12:38-41)

- A. John Records Two Passages Taken From The Same Prophet,
Reversing The Chronological Order
 - 1. The Isaiah 53 Passage Is Comprised Of Two Questions That
Imply The Kind Of Response The Lord Would Get (12:38)
 - 2. The Isaiah 6 Passage Provides A Description Of The Sequence
Of The Rejection (12:40)
- B. Paul Took Comfort In The Same Prophet With Respect To The
Relative Smallness of Response To His Own Ministry To The Jews

III. THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL'S MESSIAH WAS NOT WITHOUT ITS EXCEPTIONS (12:42-43)