"The Potter and the Clay" **Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John**

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## ****John 12:37-50****

# John 12:37-50 English Standard Version (ESV)

**37**Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, **38**so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
    and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

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

**40**“He has blinded their eyes  
    and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
    and understand with their heart, 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.”

1. **God’s patience/plan for the nation of Israel (Verse 37-41) (**See also Romans chapter 9-11)
   1. **The majority wouldn’t believe despite the evidence (37-38)**
   2. **The majority then couldn’t believe in order that the gentiles might (39-41)**
2. **Indicators that my faith in Jesus is sincere (verses 42-50)** (See also Matthew 10:28-33)
   1. **I’m confessing Christ as my Savior and Lord despite the cost (42-45)**
   2. **My thoughts and lifestyle are being conformed by Jesus and His Word (46-49)**