

## John 5:40-47

**John 5:40** – *“And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.”*

A. The Jews would not seek salvation in the Lord, which is not a new problem (**Psalm 81:10-11** and **Matthew 23:37**).

1. Jesus came to save the very people that are rejecting Him (**Matthew 10:5-6**, **Matthew 15:24**, **Matthew 18:11**, and **Luke 19:10**).

2. God had told His people what would happen if they would not seek Him (**Leviticus 26:14-21**).

B. The choice of eternal life is/was available to all (**Revelation 22:17**), but you have to want it to obtain it (**Deuteronomy 4:29**).

1. Today, we have these things written so that we can have eternal life (**John 20:31**).

2. As in the text we’re studying now, we still have to come to the Lord (**Acts 2:21**; cf. **Acts 22:16**) and stay with Him (**John 8:30-32**).

**John 5:41-44** – *“(41) I receive not honour from men. (42) But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. (43) I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. (44) How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?”*

A. Jesus did not receive honor from men nor was this His purpose (**John 8:50**).

1. He did not want honored in a wrong manner (**John 6:15**).

2. Nor should we seek the honor that comes from man (**I Thessalonians 2:6**).

3. The honor Jesus received was from His Father (**John 8:54** and **II Peter 1:16-17**).

B. These Jews did not want those who came in the name of God (cf. **John 18:37**), but those who came by the authority of men (**Acts 5:36-37** and **II Corinthians 11:3-4**).

1. False teachers have always been popular (**Jeremiah 5:31** and **II Peter 2:1-3**).

2. We cannot be like these Jews and try to please men rather than God (**John 12:42-43**, **Romans 2:29**, **Galatians 1:10**, and **I Thessalonians 2:4**).

**John 5:45-47** – *“(45) Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. (46) For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. (47) But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?”*

A. The Law of Moses will accuse these Jews for the Law spoke of Christ (**Acts 3:22-26**).

1. The Law of Moses was established so that sin would not prevent the seed promise from being fulfilled (**Galatians 3:19**).

2. Then, that same Law was to prepare the Jews for Christ (**Galatians 3:24**).

B. Many of the Jews, while Christ was on earth, rejected the Law of Moses (**John 7:19**).

1. This is an example of pretentious “trust” in Moses (**Galatians 6:13**).

2. Not all Jews ignored what Moses said about Jesus (**John 1:45**).