

SUNDAY SCHOOL

07/17/2022

The Word Saves

John 12:42–50

Section Review

Partners in a New Creation

The Word: The Agent of Creation

- **7/3 – John 1:1-14**

John introduces Jesus as God and the LOGOS – the creator of all things physical and gives meaning to the life of human beings

- **7/10 – John 4:46-54**

The Word (Logos) is able to heal in response to faith without the need for signs and wonders

07/17/2022

Background

- Our chapter begins as Jesus is in Bethany, 6 days before Passover, about to make his triumphant entry into Jerusalem (**John 12:12-17**)
- It is also here that Jesus begins to weigh the significance of His mission on Earth, to die on the Cross, yet He receives reassurance from His Father (**John 12:27-35**)
- Despite His 3 years of ministry many still have not received His words for various reasons or have rejected His words altogether (**John 12:37-41**). Today's lesson is an appeal to those audiences

07/17/2022

Lesson Text

Walk in the Light

JOHN 12:42 – 43 (NKJV)

⁴² Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.



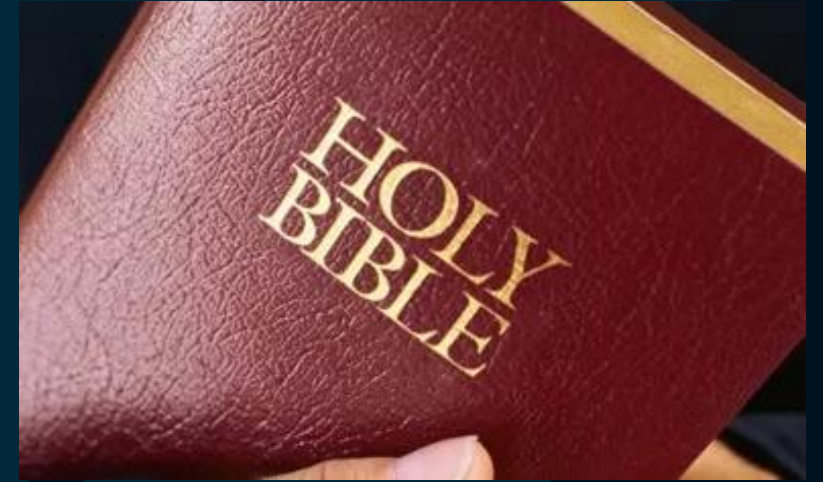
07/17/2022

Lesson Text

Walk in the Light

JOHN 12:44 – 47 (NKJV)

⁴⁴ Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. ⁴⁵ And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. ⁴⁶ I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. ⁴⁷ And if anyone hears My words and does not [a]believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.



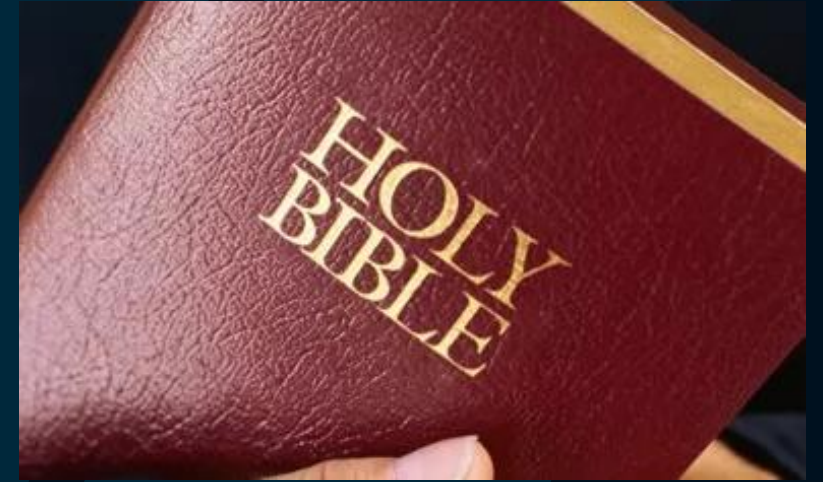
07/17/2022

Lesson Text

Walk in the Light

JOHN 12:48 – 50 (NKJV)

⁴⁸ He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. ⁴⁹ For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”



07/17/2022

Commentary: Barriers to Faith

- Jesus laments the rejection of the message of salvation He received from His Father. These barriers can manifest themselves in 3 ways:
- Pride, Ego, Self Preservation (**John 12:42-43**)
- Unmet expectations (of the Jews)
 - *"For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a ^[a]**stumbling block** and to the ^[b]Greeks foolishness" - 1 Corinthians 1:22*
- War in the Flesh
 - *"But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." - Romans 7:23*

07/17/2022

Commentary: 3 Audiences

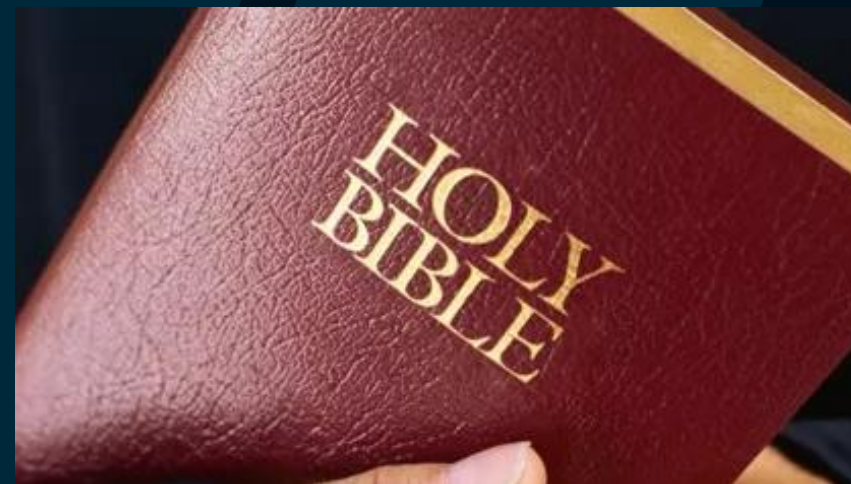
- Those who believe and receive His Word, see God (**John 1:1; John 14:9**)
- Those who believe, but do not retain or guard His Word judge themselves
 - These people need to be encouraged and shepherded (**Hebrews 10:25**)
- Those who reject the Word entirely will receive judgement in the last days
 - These people need prayer and intercession from God by the Spirit for their hearts to be transformed (**John 6:44; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Timothy 2:26**)

Mount Zion A.M.E. Church of New Brunswick, NJ

By Paul T. Bennett, Church School Superintendent

07/17/2022

Scripture References



Romans 1:16

Church School Creed & Benediction

CREED

Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a **Christian**
Every Christian a **worker**
Every worker **trained**
A worker that **will not be ashamed**
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

BENEDICTION

We have come
We have studied
We have learned
So until our next coming together
To study God's word
May His rich blessings reside with you
And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN