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This passage closes off the public ministry of Jesus Christ. After this chapter ends, there will be no more public speeches or public miracles, but Jesus spends His time before he leaves nurturing His disciples and preparing them.

It is a fitting close to chapter 10; it sums up the book to this point. The theme is unbelief versus belief.

The Sinister Nature of Unbelief (vv. 22-39)

It Protects its True Nature (disguises itself as something else)

They call their condition doubt

Doubt is looking for answers

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"Find out how seriously a believer takes his doubts and you have the index of how seriously he takes his faith" –Os Guinness

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Jesus calls it **unbelief**

Unbelief doesn't care about the answers

Unbelief decides against faith

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"There are none so blind as those who will not see." –Matthew Henry

It Rejects the Narrowness of Christ

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Because He made Himself out to be God.

Bread of life—John 6:35

Living Water— John 7:37

Light of the World— John 8:12

"Before Abraham was I AM" (John 8:58)

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"If you do not believe that I am He, you will die
in your sins" (John 8:24)

People don't want to believe Jesus is the only
way

67% of the world's population do not believe in
Christ

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Jesus said "Enter through the narrow gate"
(Matthew 7:13-14) few find it because the path
is too narrow for most

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What Unbelief does

Unbelief protects its true nature

Unbelief rejects the narrowness of Christ

It Neglects the Testimony of Scripture

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Jesus answered them with the Word -Psalm 82:6

Jesus regards the unity and inerrancy of
Scripture

The Simple Nature of Belief (vv. 40-42)

It Evaluates Objective Evidence

Untainted by bias

Jesus performed signs and miracles

Not a blind leap in the dark (like Soren
Kierkegaard claimed)

Based on evidence –Hebrews 11:1

The Simple Nature of Belief (vv. 40-42)

Uniqueness of the Bible (66 books, over 40 authors, over 1500 years, about controversial subjects, yet all in agreement)

Fulfilled Prophecy

Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The Simple Nature of Belief (vv. 40-42)

It Appreciates Subjective Testimony - Of John
the Baptist

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the
sin of the world!" John 1:29b

Called Jesus the Son of God

Said that Jesus existed before John

ROMANS 15:13

**MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU
WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING,
SO THAT BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
YOU MAY ABOUND IN HOPE.**



The Simple Nature of Belief (vv. 40-42)

That they were cousins adds weight to his
testimony

Christianity is a universal experience. For two thousand years Jesus Christ has been changing lives. Christianity is narrow. It is a personal relationship with a personal God.

The Simple Nature of Belief (vv. 40-42)

Unbelief is hazardous to your eternal health

Thank you, God, for loving me and sending your Son to die on the cross for the wrongs I have done. I am sorry for the things I have done that hurt You. I choose to make Jesus the Lord of my life. Help me to be the kind of person that You want me to be. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

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May the God of Hope Fill you with Joy

There's peace in believing the Lord

May your whole life and outlook

Abound in hope

Be radiant be radiant in hope

(Repeat)

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