

May 7

## *Jesus' Signs and Words Reveal God, But Many Reject Him*

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In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple – Isaiah 6:1

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[John 12:36-50, toward Bethany, Sunday] Jesus said these things, and he departed and hid himself from them. But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they didn't believe in him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke,

"Lord, who has believed our report?

To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" [Isaiah 53:1]

For this cause they couldn't believe, for Isaiah said again,

"He has blinded their eyes and he hardened their heart,

lest they should see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, and would turn,

and I would heal them." [Isaiah 6:10]

Isaiah said these things when he saw his glory, and spoke of him. Nevertheless even of the rulers many believed in him, but

because of the Pharisees they didn't confess it, so that they wouldn't be put out of the synagogue, for they loved men's praise more than God's praise.

Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me, but in him who sent me. He who sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness. If anyone listens to my sayings, and doesn't believe, I don't judge him. For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He who rejects me, and doesn't receive my sayings, has one who judges him. The word that I spoke, the same will judge him in the last day. For I spoke not from myself, but the Father who sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. I know that his commandment is eternal life. The things therefore which I speak, even as the Father has said to me, so I speak."

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1. Whose glory did Isaiah see (in Isaiah 6)? Why isn't his report (in Isaiah 52-53) believed?
2. How can rulers believe *and* reject Jesus? What judges them? Do you love men's praise?
3. Jesus, the Father's glory light streams through you; I see you by studying both Old and...