

# Readings

## Scripture

<sup>44</sup> And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. <sup>45</sup> And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. <sup>46</sup> I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. <sup>47</sup> 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. <sup>48</sup> 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. <sup>49</sup> 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. <sup>50</sup> And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

- John 12:44-50 (*English Standard Version*)

## Reflection

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

- John 17:1-3 (*English Standard Version*)

"Sin and Hell are married unless repentance proclaim the divorce."

- C. H. Spurgeon  
*Spurgeon: New Park Street Pulpit, #327, Vessels of Mercy.*

# Sermon Outline

## Eternal Life

John 12:44-50

## Statements

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*Jesus was given in love to proclaim the commandment of eternal life. (John 3:16, 12:50)*

### How do we see this great love, lived out through Jesus?

#### It is seen in what he loves the most... (John 12:44-46, 49)

- That love is the light shining in our darkness
- That love is the word taking on our flesh

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#### It is seen in what he offers the least... (John 12:47-48)

- That shelter will save in the coming judgment
- That shelter will stand in the coming judgment

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### Reflection Questions (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- Who are your heroes because they say what they mean and mean what they say?
- What does Jesus emphasize in verses 47-50? Why is this especially appropriate since this is his last public statement? How is it that Jesus' words can either judge a person, or lead him/her to life?
- Where do you find it most difficult to live your faith?
- When are you most timid or afraid to share your faith?
- Who has God used in your life to teach you about his love in Jesus Christ?
- When did you first hear the message of Easter morning? Have you placed your trust in Jesus as your saving shelter for the coming judgment?