The Claims of Christ (John 12:44-50)
Observations – Jesus repeats four claims
vv. 44-45 – Deity: I and the are one
• To believe in Me is to believe in
• Jn. 10:30; 8:58; 1:18 – one God, but distinct
$\underline{\mathbf{v.46}}$ – I am the of the world (8:12)
• <i>in the light</i> (12:36)
• Contrast between His light and our (Jn. 1:5; Col. 1:13)
<u>vv. 47-48</u> – God sent Me to not the world (3:16-17)
• Do not keep = do not believe = do not receive = do not obey
• My to Jesus' words will judge me (Jn. 3:18)
<u>vv. 49-50</u> – The of My words is from the
• Therefore, eternal life comes from His words
Take-Away / Application 1. What's the big deal about? His claim to be
• To Jesus the Son is to God the Father
His claim to be
• Without Christ, we are headed for eternal
• Shines His light \rightarrow exposes our
2. Did Jesus' hearers get it?
Do get it?
• Am I trying to myself? (Rom. $6:23 \rightarrow Jn. 3:16-17$)
• Do I believe / obey / act upon Jesus'?
a) God judges according to what we (vv. 47-48)
b) Mat. 7:24 -27 – two men
What was the same?
What was different?
• I am free to or Jesus' words
I am not free from the of my choice