

current sermon series

THE
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 5:39-47

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.⁴¹ I do not receive glory from people.

John 5:39-47

⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe,

John 5:39-47

when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.

John 5:39-47

⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

Hebrews 3:12-14

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:12-14

¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

John 5:40

⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

What Keeps People From Jesus

They are unwilling to glorify Christ

They are unwilling to love God

They are unwilling to believe the
Scriptures

John 5:41,43-44

41 I do not receive glory from people...

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Philippians 2:6b-8

though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a
thing to be grasped,⁷ but emptied
himself, by taking the form of
a servant, being born in the likeness
of men.

Philippians 2:6b-8

⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

What Keeps People From Jesus

For many, their “love-affair” with man [man’s glory, man’s esteem, man’s accolades..] is the very root of their unbelief.

What Keeps People From Jesus

They are unwilling to glorify Christ

They are unwilling to love God

John 5:42

42 But I know that you do not have the love of God within you.

What Keeps People From Jesus

They love the appearance of godliness and holiness.

They love the place of honor at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues.

They love titles.

They love people who honor them.

What Keeps People From Jesus

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Scriptures

John 5:45-47

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John 5:45-47

47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"