WHY THEY DON'T BELIEVE?

John 12:37-43

I. They Did Not Believe – vs. 37

John 2:23; 7:31; 8:30; 10:42; 11:45; 12:11

John 2:24; 8:31

John 6:14-15; 12:12

John 12:34

II. Old Testament Prophecy Fulfilled – vs. 38

Isaiah 53:1-2

III. They Can't Believe – vs. 39-40

Isaiah 6:8-10

Romans 9:13-18; 10:21; 11:8

IV. Isaiah Had Seen the Glory of God – vs. 41

Isaiah 6:1-5, 8-10

Romans 9:22-23

V. They Won't Truly Believe?

pisteúō – to believe; to put trust in; to be persuaded by; (Describes the act of believing or trusting something on the basis of its truthfulness and reliability)

John 3:16

homologéō – to profess; to declare openly; to profess one's self the worshipper of one

Matthew 10:32-33

Romans 10:9-10

Matthew 10:24-28

John 12:25-26

Philippians 2:8-10

James 2:18-26

VI. Why Bother if Most Won't Believe?

John 15:18-20

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Romans 10:14-17

Closing Thought: People will reject Christ for the same reasons today as the Jews did when Jesus proclaimed the Truth: because God has not predestined them to adoption and because they will not forsake their temporal life for eternal life. Even though most hate God and will hate the Gospel, some will truly believe. No one can believe unless they call out in belief in Christ, whom they hear of by the preaching of the Gospel.