

John 12⁴⁴⁻⁵⁰

When we need it in a nutshell

Jesus' public ministry in a paragraph



Children's talk: The archway to life

Introduction

Pistachios & Macadamias

Jesus' identity

(12⁴⁴⁻⁴⁵)

He is one with the Father

He is God

Jesus' 1st coming

(12⁴⁶⁻⁴⁷)

He existed before He came

He came to enlighten those in darkness

He came not to condemn

He came to save sinners

Jesus' 2nd coming

(12⁴⁸)

He is coming back

He is coming to end this world

He is coming to judge everyone

Jesus' authority

(12⁴⁹⁻⁵⁰)

He speaks with the authority of the Father

He has authority to bestow eternal life

He cries out to "whoever"

Conclusion

Sons & daughters of light



Questions answered

- Where in the Bible do you find the gospel summarised in a sentence?
Where in the Bible do you find the gospel summarised in a paragraph?
- What is the reasoning for suggesting that John 12³⁷⁻⁵⁰ is a reflective summary of the whole of Jesus' public ministry?
What are the two parts of this summary?
- What does Jesus declare concerning His identity?
Why do you think He would start with this?
What is one way in which the church of our day sometimes gets this wrong?
- What do these verses proclaim concerning Jesus' 1st coming?
Does anything strike you as surprising in the way in which this is expressed?
- Who is it that Jesus has come to save? What are the implications of this?
- What will be Jesus' focus when He comes the 2nd time?
Why is this essential to His mission?
- Why do you think this section ends with Jesus' statement about authority?
- What is meant by the statement: "His commandment is eternal life"?
- What is the significance of the word "whoever" in these verses?
- How are verses 12⁴⁴⁻⁵⁰ a counterpart to 12³⁷⁻⁴³?
- Do you find the 2-sided archway illustration helpful? In what way?
- What do you think it might mean to be a son or daughter of light?



Somethings to pray about (and follow through with)

- How would you summarise the gospel in a nutshell?
- How would you explain the paradox between God's sovereignty and human responsibility?
- Who are you praying for & looking for an opportunity to share the gospel with?