

# Jesus Argues With the Jews

Chapel Bible Class  
John:35, 41-48  
Predestination !/10.17/21

- I. Jesus drops a second bombshell.
  - a. First He says He is the bread of life, and then He asserts that we cannot seek or choose God!
  - b. This teaching is difficult to digest, but only initially.
  - c. ALL NT writers asserted as much.
  - d. This is very perplexing, but He doesn't say we have no free will.
  - e. Our hearts initially feel that we will lose our joy and control of our life.
  - f. It seems insulting and unfair, that God is not choosing all.
  - g. God tells us little about the choosing process. He instead tells you your story. "What is that to you?"
  - h. He does tend to choose the poor, the common, and in general He chooses those the world despises. Jas 2:5, 1 Cor 1:26-29.
  - i. The problem is it is not insulting but due to our radical individualism. See Invictus. Timothy McVeigh's last words.
  
- II. God DRAWS us with his unconditional love. Rm 10:20., Acts 16:14, 13:48, John 15:16.
  - a. We are drawn and not driven, with the bridle or bit of love.
  - b. Do you find Jesus beautiful? Why? All love is circular.
  - c. If I am chosen because I believe, there must be something in me that brought the grace of God into my life!
  - d. On the other hand, if I believe because I'm chosen, nothing makes me better! 18:52-21:00.
  
- III. Practical implications result in 3 changes in our life.
  - a. There is a deeper sense of humility in my life; I am not better than anyone.
  - b. "Any identity factor makes me distinct and special and is a source of potential oppression."
  - c. There is a deeper sense of security.