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- A division between nonbelievers
  1. “The Prophet” v. 40 - willing to accept a portion of His claims but not all of them
     Deuteronomy 18:15; Malachi 4:5,6
  2. “He is the Christ” v. 41 – willing to acknowledge that He actually was all that He claimed to be
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3. “How can the Christ …” vv. 41,42 – people who totally reject Christ pridefully without knowing the whole truth

4. “wanted to seize Him” v. 44 – those whose rejection was so strong they wanted to harm Him
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- A division between nonbelievers and believers – Ephesians 2:1-10
  - Believers *love* Christ
  - Believers *serve* Christ – I Cor. 6:19,20
  - Believers *strive* after Christ – Phil. 3:13,14
- Jesus draws together all believers
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- The mission to divert the message
- Sent from God
  - vv. 28,29 – “from” God
  - In Christ we see the Father
  - John 1:18
  - Jesus is God!
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- Jesus’ life is controlled by God – v. 6
- Jesus’ words were Words from God – vv. 16,17
- Jesus says that He is the answer to the hunger and thirst we have – vv. 37,38
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- Jesus also makes all who come to Him a blessing to others – v. 38
- The words of mere men are very different than the effective words of Jesus – vv. 47-49
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Application

Does knowing Christ divide your beliefs from the nonbelievers you know?

Is this a point of separation or a point of contact with the Gospel?
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Application

Does knowing Christ bring you in closer unity to other believers?

Have you really understood and recognized that there is none other than Jesus?