

Today's Theme:

## **“Answering The Critics”**

March 22, 2020

### **Series: Countdown To The Cross- Part-1**

“And the Lord said to Moses, “How long will these people treat me with contempt? Will they never believe me, even after all the miraculous signs I have done among them?”

Numbers 14:11

### **Jesus Answers With A Thunderous Response That Rocked Their Worlds!**

#### **1. It Begins When Jesus Does The \_\_\_\_\_ Once Again!**

John 9:1-12; John 3:18; John 10:25-26

### **Fallout is Huge From Jesus Healing The Blind Man As The Critics Try To Explain**

#### **2. Their Explanation is PC, But It Reveals The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Their Unbelief!**

**We see that their unbelief...**

- 1). was \_\_\_\_\_ . Vs. 13-16
- 2). didn't advance their \_\_\_\_\_ . Vs. 17-24
- 3). did not make \_\_\_\_\_ . Vs. 25-30 ; Num. 14:11
- 4). caused them to \_\_\_\_\_ ! Vs. 31-34

**Big Deal:** Jesus reveals the deeply held “PC” values of his critics-they would not \_\_\_\_\_ even with miracles!

## **What Else Do We Learn About Spiritual Sight And Spiritual Blindness**

### **3. Like The Blind Man, Gaining Your \_\_\_\_\_ Sight Comes With Requirements. John 9:35-38**

#### **Restoring Your Spiritual Sight...**

- 1). requires \_\_\_\_\_ Initiative- Jesus gets involved!  
John 6:44
- 2). responds in \_\_\_\_\_ - we must take some steps of faith!  
Luke 17:11-19- (10 Lepers)
- 3). recognizes \_\_\_\_\_ - He's our Savior, no one else!  
Acts 4:12
- 4). results in life of \_\_\_\_\_ - we follow Him willingly!  
John 14:15; John 15:5

### **4. And Like Jesus' Critics- Continued Spiritual Blindness \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Rest Of Your Life. John 9:39-41**

#### **Spiritually Blindness has huge consequences:**

- 1). With it, we refuse- to \_\_\_\_\_ our Sp. condition.  
John 12:39-40
- 2). It rejects every \_\_\_\_\_ - that Jesus is the Savior.  
John 3:11
- 3). It leads to- a life with \_\_\_\_\_ . Heb. 9:27

**“In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows**

**to blind those who don't."**