

**John 12:37-43**  
***“Blind to the Truth”***  
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When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

[37] Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.

[38] This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

“Lord, who has believed our message,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

[39] For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

[40] “He has blinded their eyes  
and deadened their hearts,  
so they can neither see with their eyes,  
nor understand with their hearts,  
nor turn - and I would heal them.”

[41] Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.

[42] Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue;

[43] for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.