

THE BLIND WHO WILL NEVER SEE
(Matthew 16:1-4)

- I. Jesus' Critics DEMONSTRATE Their Blindness (Matt. 16:1)
 - A. They SOUGHT the DARKNESS (16:1a)
 - 1. The Pharisees practiced RITUAL and prioritized TRADITION
 - 2. The Sadducees denied the SPIRITUAL and prioritized EXPEDIENCY
 - 3. These ADVERSARIES were UNITED against CHRIST
 - B. They CURSED the LIGHT (16:1b; cf. Jn 3:19-21)
 - 1. They came to TEST Jesus
 - 2. They requested a SIGN from HEAVEN (cf. 12:38)
- II. Jesus REVEALS Their Blindness (Matt. 16:2-3)
 - A. They VALUED the TRIVIAL (16:2-3a)
 - 1. They paid CLOSE attention to the WEATHER
 - 2. They could PREDICT when it would be FAIR or FOUL
 - B. They were OBLIVIOUS to the SPIRITUAL (16:3b)
 - 1. They could not DISCERN the PRESENCE of MESSIAH
 - 2. They could not PERCEIVE the coming JUDGMENT

III. Jesus REBUKES Their Blindness (Matt. 16:4a; cf. 12:39-42)

A. They were “an EVIL and ADULTEROUS generation”

1. He knew their HYPOCRISY
2. He knew their IDOLATRY

B. He would NOT PROVIDE the sign they REQUESTED

1. They were REJECTING the WORD from God
2. They could not AVERT the coming JUDGMENT
3. They would not BELIEVE in Jesus’ RESURRECTION

IV. Jesus ABANDONS Them to their Blindness (Matt. 16:4b)

A. Jesus left THEM

1. He will spend little time with CROWDS or RELIGIOUS leaders
2. He provides no more ARGUMENTS or EVIDENCE to UNBELIEVERS

B. Jesus left THE REGION

1. He withdraws to focus on TRAINING His DISCIPLES
2. He provides ADDITIONAL teaching to those who BELIEVE