

# "NEED TO KNOW"

John 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which **see not might see**; and that they **which see might be made blind**.

## THE PROBLEM

- We can't SEE JESUS, because we don't know WHAT TO LOOK FOR
- because we don't KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR, we end up with the WRONG THING

<u>OUR CRITERIA (HOW WE 'SEE')</u>	<u>GOD'S CRITERIA (HOW GOD 'SEES')</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>QUANTITY</b> - 'THE MORE THE BETTER'</li> <li>• <b>SIZE</b> - 'THE BIGGER THE BETTER'</li> <li>• <b>ABILITY</b> - 'GOOD, BETTER, BEST'</li> <li>• <b>APPEAL</b> - 'IT'S THE LOOK THAT COUNTS'</li> <li>• <b>DESIRE</b> - 'I WANT WHAT I WANT'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>QUANTITY</b> (Judges 7:2)</li> <li>• <b>SIZE</b> (Proverbs 15:16, 16:8)</li> <li>• <b>ABILITY</b> (1 Corinthians 1:26-28)</li> <li>• <b>APPEAL</b> (Isaiah 53:3)</li> <li>• <b>DESIRE</b> (Psalm 27:4)</li> </ul>

## WHAT HAPPENED ????

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, **then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil**. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 **And the eyes of them both were opened**, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons

## OF WHAT BENEFIT IS IT TO 'KNOW JESUS'?

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, **they shall deceive the very elect**. (cp Mark 13:22)

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore **it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness**; whose end shall be according to their works.

## WHY THE NEED TO KNOW HIM????

### those who SEE JESUS

1. seek what they WANT
2. go to CHURCH
3. praise the PRODUCT

### those who KNOW JESUS

- get what they NEED
- come to WORSHIP
- praise the PROCESS

### THE BENEFIT

- SATISFACTION
- FOCUS
- VALUE

## CONCLUSION

He couldn't see HIM, but he HEARD ABOUT HIM (v1)

He couldn't see HIM, but he CAME TO HIM (v1)

He couldn't see HIM, but HE HEARD HIM (v2-6)

He couldn't see HIM, but HE OBEYED HIM (v6)

When he SAW, he TESTIFIED of HIM (v24-25)

When he SAW, he was PERSECUTED (v34)

When he SAW, he ASKED FOR HIM (v36)

When he SAW, he WORSHIPED HIM (v38)