

# Jesus speaks of his purpose

John 12: 37-50



# JESUS TAUGHT

- The divinity of his mission
- The divinity of his doctrine
- The divinity of his person
- The nature of his mission
- The way of salvation
- The consequences of rejection



# JESUS TEACHING WAS

- Public
- Earnest
- Fearless



# BACKED BY EVIDENCE

- Miracles he performed
  - Great, exceeding human power
  - Many more than OT prophets
  - Remarkable in variety
- In front of his own people



# MIRACALS

- Beneficial
- Unostentatious
- Impersonation could be detected
- Conform with predictions about the messiah



# Jews expectant and looking for the messiah did not believe

- Their disbelief fulfilled prophecy
- They had blind eyes and hardened hearts
- Blindness at first voluntary then a punishment of God



**A minority who did believe  
chose to suppress their  
convictions for  
understandable but  
ultimately selfish motives**



# THREE RESPONSES

- Unbelief
- Inadequate belief
- True, saving belief





**“I have come into the world  
as a light, so that no one  
who believes in me should  
stay in darkness.”**

John 12: 46

