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"Faith: Use It or Lose It?"

INTRO: *Jesus completed His teaching ministry leaving the public intensely divided over His identity. Many who witnessed Jesus' miracles, believed on Him as Messiah, but the vast majority of Israel did not. Why?*

- I. **Jesus confirmed His _____ to Israel through _____.** *For John, these miracles were signs to Israel, proving Jesus' identity to be her long-promised Messiah.*

- II. **Not everyone in Israel believed on Jesus because the nation was judicially rendered _____ of _____ (12:37-50).** *The nation of Israel was punished with spiritual blindness, as Isaiah prophesied (Isa. 53:1; 6:10). Israel's blindness was her penalty for rejecting God's revelation of Himself; I.e., Israel rejected Jesus because they had already rejected God.*

- III. **Believe on Jesus _____ or risk losing the _____ to believe _____.** *The spiritual blindness and hardening Israel received will be repeated upon people during the **Tribulation** (Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12). There are two additional points to ponder when considering this divine judgment.*
 - A. _____.
 - B. _____.