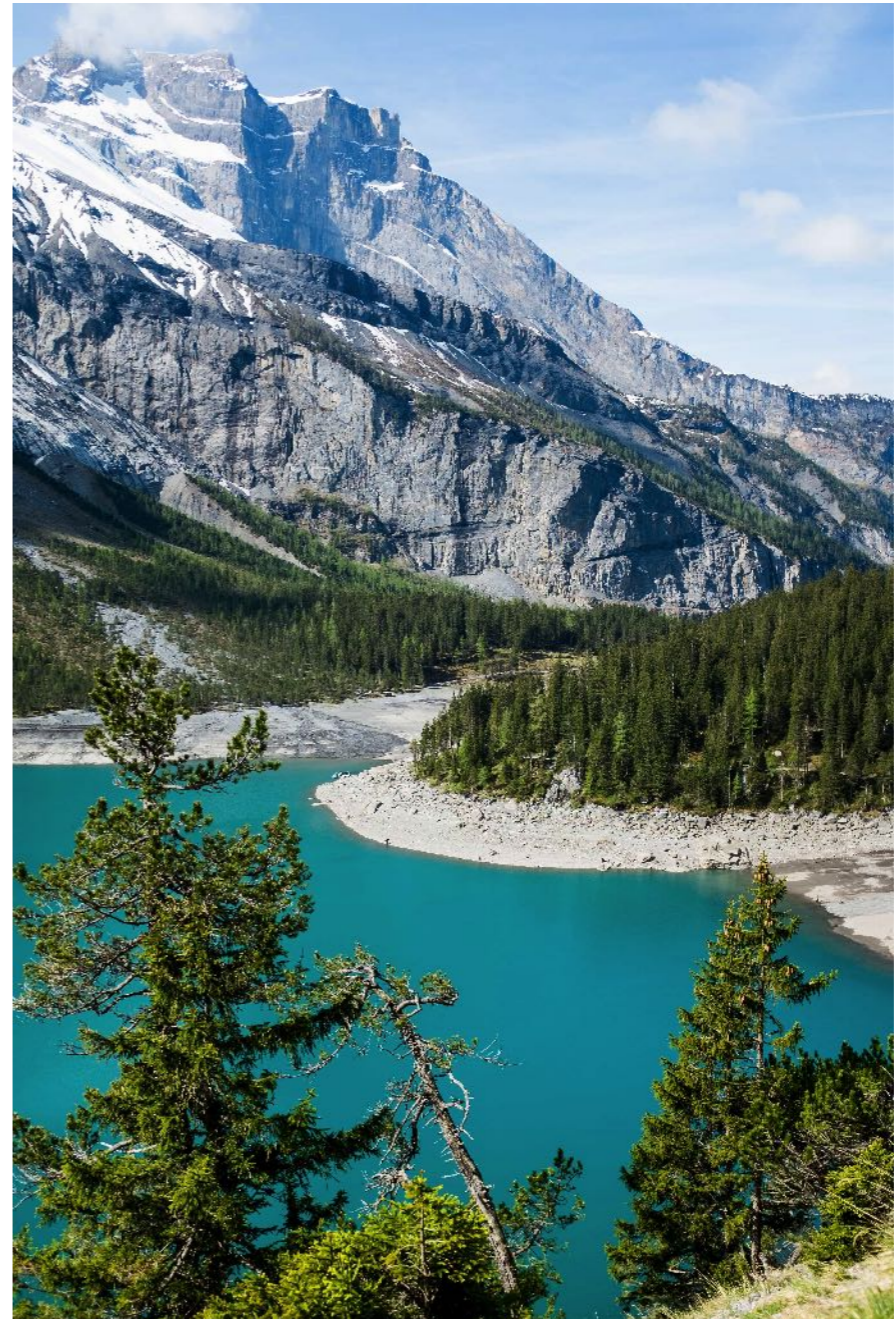
A night sky filled with stars, with a dark silhouette of a forest at the bottom. The stars are scattered across the dark blue and black sky, with some brighter stars and constellations visible. The forest silhouette is dark and dense, spanning the width of the image at the bottom.

**Missing the Obvious-  
John 4:27-42**



# Unbelieving Jews Reject the Miracles and Words of Jesus - 12:37-41

- Persistent Unbelief
- Unbelief in spite of signs and miracles
- Rejection was predicted in the Old Testament



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

*–John 12:38 quoting Isaiah 53:1*

**“For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.”**

*-2 Thessalonians 2:10-12*

**“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn – and I would heal them.”**

*–John 12:40 quoting Isaiah 6:10*

# Isaiah 6:10 - Quoted 3 Times in the New Testament

- The religious leaders attributed the work of Jesus to Satan (Mark 3:28-30)
- Here, at the end of Jesus' ministry when rejected in Jerusalem
- Paul - rejected by the Jews in Rome (Acts 28)





# The Camouflaged Believers Keep Their Faith Hidden - 12:42-43

- Their silence allowed the plan of God to go forward
- Human praise is rooted in popularity and success



# The True Believer Trusts The Words of Jesus and is Saved From Darkness - 12:44-50

- The words of Jesus were the words given to him by the Father to speak. To reject the words of Jesus is to reject the word of God
- Cannot separate the works of Jesus from his words





# Faith

- Faith is “trusting the best inference from the evidence.”
- Every person chooses a worldview without having complete and perfect knowledge
- Faith is walking towards the light we have



# We All Need The Cross of Jesus

- Mary anointed Jesus for burial
- Triumphal entry and then later rejection
- Request of Greeks to see Jesus and his refusal to see them

