



**Broadview Missionary Baptist Church**  
**Black History Month**

# UNSPOKEN



**Giving Voice to the Forgotten Truth About Christianity**

**Reel Talk**  
**VIEWER'S GUIDE**

## **Black History Starts In The Bible**

1. Did God really curse Ham and blackness? (Genesis 9:18-29)
2. What other myths have impacted your view of yourself and other black people as a whole?

## **Christianity's African Roots**

1. Does the Bible and church history support an African influence as primary to what Christians believe?
2. Dr. Esau McCaulley states. "One of the things we see in history is that laws are ineffective in completely transforming behavior...What the Bible is trying to do in the fullness of time is...to create the kind of people for whom slavery is unimaginable." What are your thoughts?

## **The Rise of the Black Church**

1. On the heels of the Emancipation Proclamation, Charles Octavius Boothe based this definition of the Christian church on Matthew 16:18 "The church spoken of here is the whole family of the redeemed, who are to be built upon that faith...and built together in it." What are your thoughts?
2. Dr. Charlie Dates states, "Black churches began because white churches in America would not honor the imago Dei in black people." What are your thoughts?

## **A Way Forward**

1. Distrust of Christianity is often the result of malpractice. But we want you to follow Dr. Charlie Dates' recommendation to, "Let God get a chance to show You who He really is."
2. Are you taking the initiative to:
  - (A) Advocate for the rights of the oppressed;
  - (C) Create God-glorifying works;
  - (E) Educate yourselves;
  - (D) Disciple others.

**“We’re not trying to paint the Bible Black. We’re just trying to be honest where Blackness is. That’s very, very, very important.”**

*Rev. Eric Mason – Unspoken Documentary*

## **Religious Terminology**

**Apologetics** — A branch of theology that is devoted to providing a defense of the gospel against objections and false claims.

**Black Consciousness** — A common view held among the individuals in the Conscious Community that states humans are socially conditioned or coerced by the global system of white supremacy to maintain a dull state of mind rather than liberate their minds and themselves from their oppressive realities.

**Black Liberation Theology** — Teaches that the Christian gospel carries a message of freedom, and that Jesus is the Liberator, fighting on the side of the oppressed throughout the world and particularly in the United States.

**Coptic** — A Christian group indigenous to Egypt in north Africa.

**Hebrew Israelites** — A Black Religious Identity Cult (BRIC) that believes black and brown people are the chosen people of God and that the curse of Ham explains the suffering of black people in the world.

**Imago Dei** — A Latin expression that all humans are created in the image of God.

**Kemetism** — Is a modern *polytheistic* practice of a religious tradition of Ancient Egypt. It recognizes many gods and goddesses.

**Orthopraxy** — refers to how a Christian acts or performs, rather than what they believe.

**Race** — A social construct that characterizes people based on their physical traits (i.e., skin color, hair, etc.)

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