

## Only Jesus Can Make Us See

John 9:1-7 <sup>1</sup> As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

### ❖ Intro

- Going to look at the kindness of God
- We will be seeing the glory of God in what seems to be a bad thing
- We are going to see how we too are like this blind man

### ❖ Where we came from in chapters 7 and 8

- At the Feast of booths
- His brothers wanted him to come publicly
- He comes Privately
- They want to arrest Him
- Jesus says if anyone is thirsty they can come to Him and drink
- Chapter 8 – He is the Light of the World
- Some believe
- Some that believe do not truly believe

### ❖ What is going on in Chapter 9

- I love this story by the way... the whole thing is neat... and kind of funny
- Jesus Heals the man in vs 1-7
- Then His neighbors and those who saw him beg notice he can see
- The man tells them Jesus did it
- So, they want to find Jesus
- Then they bring him to their leaders! The Pharisees
- Then we notice that Jesus did another healing on the Sabbath
  - Guess mud pies are against the Sabbath rules
- They say He is not from God cause he broke the Sabbath
- Others wonder how a sinner can do such signs
- So they ask the blind man what he thinks about him
- The blind man says he is a prophet (and that is a big deal)
- But... it says the jews did not believe he had been born blind and was healed
- So... they bring in his parents...
- They say yep... this is our son who had been born blind...
- So, they ask him how... and since they were afraid of the leaders
- They put it off on their son saying he is old enough, ask him...
- They were afraid of being put out of the synagogue
- So they call him a second time to ask more questions...
  - Here is where it get haaalarious
- They say.... Give glory to God, We know this man is a sinner...
  - Like telling the truth is not glorifying to God enough
  - They assume that Jesus did not do this

- And they certainly do not realize He is God
- The guy answers (I Love his answer)
- I do not know if He is a sinner
- I do know... That though I was blind, now I see!
- So they ask him how it happened, and he tells them
- I already told you and you did not listen... You want to hear it again?
- Do you want to become one of his disciples...
  - I know He was messing with them
- So they shoot back... you are His Disciple... We are disciples of Moses...
  - We know that God spoke to Moses... Not sure about this Guy
- We do not even know where he came from
  - Isn't this what Jesus has been trying to tell them...
- So the healed man... being a great witness... says..
- WHY THIS IS AN AMAZING THING!
  - You guys are so smart... know everything about God and his word
- You do not know where he came from... YET HE OPENED MY EYES!
- So he start to teach them...
  - We know God does not listen to sinners....
  - Good lesson for us to learn...
- Yet God listens to Him... if he wasn't from God, God would hear Him...
- So they get mad and start being mean... just shows their character...
- You were born in utter sin, and you would teach us?
  - So they kick him out...
  - How dare he teach them...
- So Jesus hears about this and goes and finds him...
  - Probably didn't have to ask anyone where he was
  - Can you imagine how cool it would be to never have to ask for directions?
- Then Jesus gets to the heart of His purpose in healing...
  - Do you believe in the Son of man...
  - The man says... who is He so I can believe in Him...
- Jesus answers you have seen him and he is speaking to you
- He answers... LORD I believe....
- And Jesus tells Him why He came into this world...
- So those who see may not see and those who are blind may see
- The Pharisees hear him and say are be also Blind?
  - If you were blind you would have no guilt
  - But you says We see... so your guilt remains...
  - Cant wait for that sermon

❖ **Jesus is always doing and saying more than we see**

- He is speaking through this miracle into our lives
- He is concerned more about the man's soul

❖ **Jesus Sees The Blind Man**

- **'As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.**
- Jesus Cares....

❖ **His Disciples See the Blind Man Because Jesus Sees Him**

- <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

➤ They Notice When Jesus Notices...

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❖ **The Man’s Disability Was For God’s Glory**

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➤ **The Man Was Born Blind So God’s Power Might Be Seen and Glorified**

- God Purposed This:
- Could God Have Changed the Man’s Defect in the Womb? YES

➤ **God’s Word on His Sovereignty**

- Exodus 4:11 <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?”
- Psalm 139:13-16 <sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

➤ **Sin in General is the Reason This World Suffers in Every Imaginable Way**

- **Gen. 3.... Man sins.... They Fall.... And so does the creations**
  - They have to labor for food
  - Women struggle through child birth
- **Suffering is something that almost always is because of sin in general, and not specific sins**
  - This is not to say God can not or does not bring suffering because of certain sins...
  - We see this clearly when David sinned with Bethsheba

➤ **Our Response**

- Rejoice That God Can Do All Things
- Hope in God in Your Frailties
- Hope In God in others Frailties

❖ **Jesus Has Come To Be a Light**

- <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

➤ **Works of Him who sent me...**

- Working on behalf of the Father

➤ **While it is Day**

- While He is Alive

➤ **Night is coming when no one can work**

- Jesus is continually Pointing toward the cross...
- It will be a black and dark time for Jesus and His disciples...
- **Night is coming for All of US**
  - Death will come...
  - We will no longer be able to work...
  - We need to be a light while we are here, because there will come a day when we will be unable to...

- **As Long as I am in the World, I am the Light of the World...**
  - I am the Light of the World...
  - Going back to reminding them who He is...
  - How He has come to shed light in the darkness that is covering man...
- **Instead of Flooding the World because of its darkness**
  - Jesus steps in and becomes light in their darkness...

#### ❖ **Jesus Heals**

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- Jesus Makes some mud... and then sends the man to wash
- He could have done it instantly
- Reminds Me of Him Telling the Lame man to pick up His Mat
- He did what Jesus told Him to do... and He came back seeing
- Jesus is the Great Healer of Physical Ailments
- Jesus is the Great Healer of Spiritual Ailments

#### ❖ **Jesus Means For Us to Notice Ourselves As The Blind Man**

- Jesus Miracles Speak in the Spiritual Realm
- Jesus Spoke in Earthly Ways about Heavenly Things
- Jesus Used Healed People to Point to Our Spiritual Condition
- This is not a stretch to see the spiritual aspect of this miracle for mankind today
- Jesus ultimate goal is opening our Blinded Spiritual Eyes

#### ❖ **Me: The Blind Man**

- I Was Born Blind
- I Lived and Walked in Blindness
- Jesus Saw Me in My Condition
- Jesus Caused Me To See
- I Responded By Following Him

#### ❖ **You: The Blind Man**

- You Need to See You Are Blind
- You Need to See Jesus as the Light of the World
- You Need to Respond to His Calling to Heal Your Blindness
- You Must Follow

#### ❖ **Jesus Suffers Because of Our Sin**

- In the End We do See one be punished because of someone else's sin
  - It is Jesus
- Jesus is beaten bruised and murdered
  - Because of our sins
- He takes the wrath from His Father on our Behalf...