

**Main point:** Jesus said, “I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.” (9:5) His coming shed light on God’s love. His miracles shed light on God’s power. His sacrificial death on the cross shed light on God’s mercy. His resurrection shed light on God’s destiny for us. John Wimber said of God saying—“They love me for my money.” Some church people **see** what they can get from God – perhaps healing of physical sight. Those who live with Him forever, **see** Him for who He is. His beauty and virtue and warmth overwhelm them.

**9:1–7 Whose Fault?** Jesus and his disciples meet a man who was \_\_\_\_\_ from birth. The teaching of the Jewish pastors was that personal tragedy was caused by personal sin. So Jesus’ disciples ask Him, “\_\_\_\_\_ was this man born blind? Was it a result of his \_\_\_\_\_ sins or those of his parents?” Jesus tells them that it wasn’t because of anybody’s sin. In this man’s case it was the Father’s plan for him to be blind for much of his life so that he could miraculously be healed by Jesus to show the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Jesus, who is *the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world* (V5), now sheds light -- opens the eyes of his disciples to consider that there is not only the work of man and devil on earth, but there is also the work of God. There is great reason to hope. He and this blind man are part of the Father’s saving work on earth and so are his disciples. So... \_\_\_\_\_ of us must quickly carry out the \_\_\_\_\_ assigned to us by the \_\_\_\_\_ (the Father) who \_\_\_\_\_ me, because there is little time left before the \_\_\_\_\_ falls and all work comes to an \_\_\_\_\_. ” Then Jesus healed him by making a \_\_\_\_\_ of dirt and saliva, putting it on the blind man’s eyes and telling him to go to the pool of Siloam and wash it off. He did and came back \_\_\_\_\_.

**POWER:** Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God and proved it by His works of power. Matthew 5:17, 23 “Turn from your sins and turn to God, because the Kingdom of Heaven is near..... Jesus traveled through Galilee teaching in the synagogues, preaching everywhere the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed the people who had every kind of sickness and disease.”

**SINNED:** There are two kinds of sin that cause misery on this earth. (1) Choose to do evil. First, the things we do contrary to the Word of God that hurt us and other people. (2) Curse: Second, the curse that came upon the whole creation when the first people sinned. (Genesis 3:17–19) Curse means God lifts His hand of blessing and lets human kind have it their way, doing what is right in their own eyes. The consequence is that the other team, the devil and his hell, are released on earth. Even the best efforts of human kind are disrupted, contaminated, doomed to imperfect success and ultimate failure.

• The Jewish establishment, like all establishments, liked to say that they were on top of the heap because they were

better people. • Solomon wrote, “ ...in this life, good people are often treated as though they were wicked, and wicked people are often treated as though they were good.” (Ecclesiastes 8:14) “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

• Jesus covered and removed sin so we can come boldly into God’s presence (Hebrews 10:19) and ask the Father for whatever we need. (John 15:23–24) • Jesus removed curse by bearing it upon his body on the cross – now a blessing. Galatians 3:13

**9:8–34 PROCESS OF COMING TO CHRIST:** Those who knew the once blind beggar say that it looks like him but how is it that he sees. The beggar kept saying, “I am he.” They asked, “Who healed you? What happened?” The beggar moves from seeing Jesus as a man to one he worships as God. (1) A MAN (V11). The beggar knows that the \_\_\_\_\_ called Jesus healed him. (2) A PROPHET (V19). As the discussion goes on he says, “I think he must be a \_\_\_\_\_.” That is, a spokesman of God with special powers like Elijah and Elisha and others. (3) LORD (V35–38). Jesus looks him up later and asks him if he believes in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. The once blind man asks who the Son of Man is. Jesus says it’s me, the person you see and hear speaking in front of you. The blind man says, “Yes, \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_! And he worshiped Jesus.”

**PROCESS from WORLDLY to WORSHIPER:** Billy Graham once said that people have some sort of encounter with Jesus seven times before they cross the line to receive Him.

**9:8–34 Determination to Deny Christ:** V13–16 **Sabbath.** The Jewish pastors, the \_\_\_\_\_, say that the miracle was not done by \_\_\_\_\_ because it was a work done on the \_\_\_\_\_. Working on the Sabbath was forbidden by God, so God wouldn’t have broken his own laws to do it. Others said, “How could an ordinary \_\_\_\_\_ do such miraculous signs? So there was a \_\_\_\_\_ of opinion about Jesus. V18–24 **Not really blind.** The Jewish leaders wouldn’t believe he had been \_\_\_\_\_. So they called in his \_\_\_\_\_. They said the man was their \_\_\_\_\_ and was born \_\_\_\_\_. But because they were afraid of being thrown out of the synagogue by suggesting that their son had been healed by the \_\_\_\_\_, they passed the buck and told the Jewish leaders to talk to their son, because he was \_\_\_\_\_ enough to speak for himself. V25–34 **Jesus was a sinner.** The Jewish leaders hassle the man. “Give \_\_\_\_\_ to God by telling the truth.” Admit Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_. He said, “I don’t know whether he is a sinner. But I know this: I \_\_\_\_\_ blind but \_\_\_\_\_ I can see.”

NO! “Go to this people and tell them this: ‘You’re going to listen with your ears, but you won’t hear a word; You’re going to stare with your eyes, but you won’t see a thing. These people are blockheads! They stick their fingers in their ears so they won’t have to listen, They screw their eyes shut so they won’t have to look, so they won’t have to deal with me face-to-face and let me heal them.’ Acts 28:27 (Message Bible) Mark 4:12 Isaiah 6:9–10

**9:27-34 Witness to Jesus.** The seeing man says to the pastors with the blind hearts (V27). *“Do you want to become his \_\_\_\_\_ too?”* They said they didn’t know anything about this man. The seeing man said that he considered that \_\_\_\_\_ because it should be obvious that this man is from God. He \_\_\_\_\_ my eyes. V31 *“God doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ to sinners, but He is ready to hear those who worship him and do His will. Never since the world \_\_\_\_\_ has anyone been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. If this man were not from God, he couldn’t do it.”*

WITNESS: The seeing man moves from seeing who Jesus is to helping others see who He is. Jesus said to Paul, *“I am Jesus... I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and my witness...I am going to send you to the Gentiles, to open their eyes so they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people, who are set apart by faith in me.”* Acts 26:15-18

**9:34-38 Who sees into God’s world and sees Jesus?** The seeing man got thrown out of the synagogue by the heart-blind pastors. Jesus says, *“Do you \_\_\_\_\_?”* He answers, *“Yes, Lord, I believe!”* He becomes one of those who has spiritual sight—who see Jesus as their God and Savior. Jesus comments that the effect of his coming is that people are \_\_\_\_\_. Those who want to see God, see and enter heaven. Jesus tells the Pharisees that they are \_\_\_\_\_ because they stubbornly \_\_\_\_\_ to see and yet reject their holy, wonder-working Messiah.

**What does this Scripture say to you?** \_\_\_\_\_

- The Book of Job was written to counter act this false teaching. Job, the best man on earth, in God’s eyes, was terribly afflicted--- though in the end doubly blessed.

came to save people from their sins and the sin caused disasters on earth He brought the world of God ( the Kingdom of God) back to the earth. Typically He did his ministry by :

- (1) Proclaiming that the Kingdom of God had come to earth in him
- (2) Asking people to repent - that is change their mind about their sins, lifestyle and who they actually worshiped - and turn around and follow him.
- (3) And then to prove the Kingdom was real by doing works of power --things that only God could do.