

The Gospel of John: That You Might Believe

“The Blind Man”

(John 9:1-41)

Introduction:

1. It is sometimes the case that those who can see (*physically*) cannot see (*spiritually*) [Matthew 13:14-15].
- 2.. In John 9, a blind man was able to see far better and more clearly than those who had sight.
3. Let's examine this passage, and make some applications.

I. Not All Suffering Is The Result of Sin

- A. (John 9:1-3).
- B. The disciples thought that suffering was directly attributable to a person's sins or his parent's sins.
- C. (Job 4:7-8).
- D. Jesus said that this situation was not because of sin, but so that God could be glorified.
 1. The result of this adversity was that a man was saved, and others were provided an opportunity to witness the glory and power of God.

II. Three Differing Attitudes Toward Christ

- A. The class represented by the Pharisees.
 1. They saw and heard the testimony of the miracle, but refused to accept Christ.
 2. Their minds were closed, cast the man out of the synagogue and accused Christ of sin.
 3. How many are willing to weigh evidence contrary to an accepted belief and change if shown to be wrong?
- B. The class represented by the blind man's parents.
 1. (John 9:19-23).
 2. They wanted to remain neutral due to consequences of being a disciple.
 3. (Matthew 12:30).
 4. Some today are nominal Christians who no intention of really getting involved.
- C. The class represented by the blind man.
 1. He shared with others with Jesus had done for him (9:11).
 2. He boldly affirmed that Jesus was a prophet of God (9:17).
 3. He was not afraid of what his fellow man would think (9:30-35).
 4. He suffered the consequences of his convictions, but also enjoyed the reward of his convictions.

Conclusion:

1. Into what class of people do you most naturally fit?
2. Now is a good time to evaluate yourself, and make changes if any need to be made.

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“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name”

(John 20:31).

Responses To The Identity of Jesus

- The Identity of Jesus
- The Woman at the Well
- The Believing Nobleman
- The Jews
- The Five Thousand
- The Adulterous Woman
- The Blind Man
- Lazarus
- Pilate
- Thomas
- Peter

The Fourfold Witness

- John The Baptist
- The Works of Jesus
- The Father
- The Scriptures

The Claims of Jesus

- I Am The Bread of Life
- I Am The Light of the World
- I Am The Door
- I Am The Good Shepherd
- I Am The Resurrection and Life
- I Am The Way, Truth, & Life
- I Am The True Vine

Today's Lessons:

- A.M. - *The Blind Man*
- P.M. - *I Am The Door*