

GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

A Clearer View of Jesus

John 9:1-38

Jesus Came to be the Light of the World

John 9:1-7 (KJV) ¹ And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth. ² And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? ³ *Jesus* answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. ⁴ I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. ⁶ When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, ⁷ And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

- As Jesus is walking along, He and His disciples see a man blind since birth.
- The disciples asked Jesus Who sinned, the man or his parents suggesting that sin was the culprit for this man's lack of sight.
- But the answer Jesus gave was surprising, He said neither; the blind man nor his parents sinned, but he was born blind so that the works of God would be revealed in Him
- God was going use this man's blindness to "reveal", display, and unveil, as a *dawning* of the works of God.
- Jesus said, "*I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work*"
- And without the blind man asking for aid or assistance, Jesus spits on the ground, makes a kind muddy clay and applies to the blind man's eyes
- Jesus tells him to go wash his eyes in the pool of Siloam.
- Jesus sent the blind man to the pool of Siloam which means "sent" is literally a symbol of Jesus' mission; He was "sent" by God to give sight to the world.
- The blind man *obeys* the voice of Jesus, finds his way to the pool of Siloam
- The man washes his eyes and when he came back, he could see for the first time in his life
- The man has *sight* now, but *more light* is needed to give him *insight*

Seeing Jesus as a Man

John 9:8-12 (KJV) ⁸ *The neighbours therefore, and they hich before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?* ⁹ *Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.* ¹⁰ *Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?* ¹¹ *He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.* ¹² *Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.*

- The man who is normally sitting and begging for his daily food is up and walking around in his community and "the neighbors" are wondering is this the same man who used to sit and beg?
- But the healed man spoke up and said, "**I am the man.**"
- They asked what happened, and he said this **man named Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and told me to go wash in the pool of Siloam**
- At this point the man only knows that "**a man named Jesus**" told him to do certain things and he received sight
- He knows Jesus' *name* and His *works*, but he does not Jesus know Jesus *personally*
- If you only Jesus' name, but do not know Him personally, you are not seeing Jesus clearly either

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Seeing Jesus as Healer/Helper

John 9:13-15 (KJV) ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. ¹⁴ And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

- The formerly blind man is brought to the Pharisees, we are not sure who brought him, but he is there.
- The man was brought to the Pharisees because the neighbors wanted to see how they would deal with those who violated the Sabbath
- The Pharisees asked the man how he received his sight, and he told them, “He put clay on my eyes, I washed, now I see.”
- The formerly blind man is getting a *clearer picture* of who Jesus is; **He is Jesus the healer.**
- But saying Jesus heals still short of knowing Jesus.

Seeing Jesus as a Prophet

John 9:16-17 (KJV) ¹⁶ Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

- The Pharisees listen to the formerly blind man’s explanations and they conclude Jesus can’t be from God because He didn’t observe the Sabbath.
- But others within the groups of Pharisees said how a man can be a sinner when He who does miracles like these
- The formerly blind man says **Jesus is a prophet**
- A little more light is filtering in, the formerly blind man believes Jesus is a prophet
- There is unbelief all around formerly blind man his sight *and* insight about Jesus is getting *clearer*

Seeing Jesus as the Savior

John 9:18-27 (KJV) ¹⁸ But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. ¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? ²⁰ His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: ²¹ But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. ²² These *words* spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. ²⁴ Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. ²⁵ He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I now, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. ²⁶ Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? ²⁷ He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear *it* again? will ye also be his disciples?

- The man is brought back to the Pharisees for another round of questioning

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- They said tell the truth because we know Jesus is a sinner
- The formerly blind man says I don't know if He is a sinner, *but what I do know, I was blind but now I see.*
- The questioning of the neighbors and the Pharisees is causing the man to see Jesus a little clearer; **Jesus is the Savior**, He is the One who delivered me from my blindness
- The man's sight is much better, but not completely clear

Seeing Jesus as being from God

John 9:28-34 (KJV) ²⁸ Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. ³⁰ The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. ³¹ Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. ³² Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. ³³ **If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.** ³⁴ They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

- The Pharisees wouldn't let the man go of their interrogation of him
- The formerly blind man concludes that Jesus has to be from God because *only God* could do what He has done
- The Pharisees didn't like the man's response and they kicked out of the synagogue because they felt he was trying to teach them
- But his answer was another *insight* into who Jesus is; **One sent from God**

Seeing Jesus as the Son of God

John 9:35-38 (KJV) ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? ³⁶ He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? ³⁷ And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. ³⁸ And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

- Jesus hears that the man has been excommunicated from the synagogue and Jesus seeks him out
- When Jesus found Him, Jesus asked do you believe in the Son of God?
- The formerly blind said, "Who is He? I want to believe in Him"
- Jesus said to the man, *you have seen Him and the One who is speaking to you now is He*
- The man said Lord, I believe! And worshipped Jesus.
- The picture is now clear, **Jesus is the Son of God**
- The man who was healed of his blindness wouldn't stop until He *clearly knew* who Jesus was
- Jesus is a man, He is a Healer, and a prophet, and the Savior, He is of God, and He is the Son of God
- The man experienced the *miracle of sight*, his vision restored; and the *miracle of insight* knowing personally who Jesus is
- Who is Jesus to you?