

SERIES: Gospel of John
The Light of the World Brings Sight
John 9:1-12

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- In John 8, Jesus made radical claims that he was both God and the light of the world.
- In John 9, Jesus encounters two types of blindness.
 - Blindness of the _____: The beggar suffers from physical blindness and cannot see the world.
 - Blindness of the _____: Pharisees suffer from spiritual blindness and cannot see the light of the world.

The Perception of Jesus - What Jesus Saw (9:1)

- Jesus notices this blind man... not the disciples.
 - This man lived a hard and difficult life as a _____.
 - This man had been blind since _____.
- This man's physical condition is a reminder of our spiritual state without Christ.
 - We were in spiritual _____ and have nothing to offer God.
 - We were in spiritual _____ and were born in sin. (Roman 5:12)
- Jesus has compassion for those the world _____.

The Purpose of Blindness- What Jesus Explained (9:2-5)

- The disciples ask for an explanation of the man's blindness. (2)
 - They were looking for the _____ of the blindness.
 - Jesus pointed to the _____ of the blindness.
 - Suffering, sickness, disability, and death are all in the world because of _____. (Rom. 5:12-14)
 - The existence of sin in the world is the cause of _____ in the world. However...
 - Specific sins in the world are usually not the cause of specific sufferings in the world.
 - Jesus teaches that suffering can only have ultimate meaning in relation to _____. (3)
 - Specific sins in the past do not always correlate with specific suffering in the present.
 - The explanation of the blindness lies not in the past cause but in God's future purposes.
- We are called to join Jesus in doing the works of God while we have time. (4)
 - "Day" refers to _____.
 - "Night" refers to _____.
- Jesus would soon turn from a day-job of relieving suffering to a night-job of suffering himself. (5)

The Power that Healed - What Jesus Did (9:6-7)

- Just as God used dirt to create man in the beginning, Jesus uses clay to _____ a man's eyes.
- Just as God sent Naaman to wash away his leprosy, Jesus sends the man to wash away his blindness.
- This is a picture of what God has done for all of his children.
 - He has opened our blind eyes to _____ his glory. (2 Cor. 4:4-6)
 - He has washed our sins away to _____ us for his glory. (Titus 3:5)

The Perplexity of the People - What Jesus Stirred (9:8-12)

- The people were asking the wrong question.
 - They were asking _____ the man had been healed.
 - They should have been asking _____.
- The crowd's reaction to the change in the man teaches 5 characteristics of the new birth:
 - It is an _____ change.
 - It is a _____ change.
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