



Sermon Series: John - The Word of Life - Part 31

Message: "Shine"

Text: John 9:24-41

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- ★ John's purpose for writing was to connect people to Jesus! (John 20:30-31)
- ★ John was writing to Jewish Christians being kicked out of their synagogues (John 9:22)
- ★ The "signs" of Jesus were more than just miracles - they were when Jesus revealed Himself to be the Messiah/God

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- (v24) "Give glory to God by telling the truth" = swearing an oath with God as the witness
- (v27) "Do you want to become his disciples *too*?" - implies the blind man is now a disciple of Jesus (he sees Jesus as a prophet, v17)
- (v29) "We know" = they were absolutely certain!
- (v30) "Now that is remarkable!" = *How could you not know?!*
- (v31) "We know" - contrasts v29
 - God does not listen to willful and unrepentant sinners
- (v31) "the godly person" = the one who *worships* God
- (v32-33) Only God can restore sight to the blind (ex: Psalm 146:8)
 - If Jesus were not from God, he could not have restored sight to the blind man
- (v34) The man was kicked out of the synagogue
- (v35) "believe" = the *continual* act of putting your trust in Jesus (Philippians 3:14)
- (v35) "Son of Man" = the Messiah (Daniel 7:13-14)
- (v37) Jesus claims to be the Messiah God
- (v38) The confession of faith in Jesus from the man born blind
- (v38) The man worshiped Jesus as God!
- (v39) Jesus is talking about spiritual blindness (see John 1:9-12)
- (v40-41) The unbelief of the Pharisees was the cause of the spiritual blindness

Consider this: Obedience is important to God, but it's not what saves us.

- Ephesians 2:8-9

Consider this: Spiritual blindness can be the result of a hardened heart.

- 1 Peter 2:11

Application: Pray and be in God's Word - Psalm 119:105, 130

Matthew 5:16 - "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

- Going Deeper -

For individual or small group study

1. **READ Luke 11:33-36.** Note: The Greek words for *healthy* and *unhealthy* in the NIV translation implies a *generous* and *stingy* heart respectively. Think about the fact that God's Word is the lamp that reveals our sin. Reflect and pray that God would help you be full of light. Are there any areas in your life where you might be spiritually blind?
2. **READ Proverbs 4:18-19.** Why is (spiritual) darkness so dangerous?
3. **READ Acts 9:1-22.** Compare Saul's conversion with the conversion of the blind man in John 9...
 - What similarities between these two stories do you notice?
 - Paul was a Pharisee (Philippians 3:5). How was his heart similar to the Pharisees in John 9?
 - How do we know for sure that the blind man and Saul (now Paul) had genuine conversions?
4. **READ Philippians 3:7-11.** Why does Paul "consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus"? How does this passage help us to keep a Jesus perspective on life?
5. **READ Philippians 3:12-14.** "Press on" means *to actively pursue*. How do we "press on" with our faith in Jesus? How do we press on during difficult times in our lives (2 Corinthians 4:6-18)?

Recommended Resources

Books:

- *NIV Faithlife Illustrated Study Bible*, christianbook.com, <https://bit.ly/3kxieXw>

YouTube Videos:

- Overview: John 1-12, by Bible Project
- Overview: John 13-21, by Bible Project