

John 9:1-41

(V 2) “Master, who sinned...?”

An odd question... or is it?

- Jewish thought always connected suffering and sin.

Q. Where do we see this same belief in our world?

(V 3) Jesus said, “***This man’s affliction came to give God an opportunity to show what God can do.***”

- Change our prayers to: “Jesus, How do YOU want to be seen through this?”

- We focus on the cause, Jesus focuses on His Purpose!

“***My grace is sufficient for you, and my power is made perfect in weakness.***” (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

(V 7) Q. Why make the blind man “***Go wash in Siloam.***”

A: Complete obedience is required for complete healing.

(V 8-9) The town’s people noticed his physical change.

o People should see a change in our physical appearance.

o HABITS. How we treat our BODIES. APPETITES.

Q. What change have people seen in you since Jesus opened your eyes?

(V 36) “***Who is this “Son of God”?***”

- Some people experience the miracle even before they “know” the one who did the miracle.

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When we begin INVITING, God will begin sending those who need to clean up their lives.

- The greatest church statistic is the Baptism of New Believers!

Q. Is our church going to be welcoming to sinners?

(Explain how you would do this.)

(V 40) “***Are we blind too?***” (*The Church*)

Knowing and doing; Two Different Things

- Knowing about God is not enough. He demands you do something.

- He leaves us only two options. We must believe He is the Messiah or reject Him.

This means that sitting in a worship service at Lincoln First Naz may be the most spiritually dangerous thing a person could ever do. Why?

Luke 11:28 “***Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.***”

There is much concern in this verse for those who live in an enlightened society.

- Being around or even exposed to divine truth is not enough.

Q. Could it be that we can develop the inability to hear God?

Q. How does Mark 4’s parable of the seed and the farmer speak to this truth about Jesus?

What do I want you to KNOW?

- The saddest people in eternity are those who knew the most about Jesus and never did anything about it.

What do I want you to DO?

- Exactly what you already know God wants you to do.

Do you really “SEE”?

The TRUE picture of Spiritual Blindness

- **Judges 16:21**

- We have the ability to save people from this reality.

- You may prefer not to change. (Comfortable / Satisfied)

o “They deserve what they get!”

o *So did we but Jesus saved you!*

Personal Response:

How will you best demonstrate that you have spiritual sight?