



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
THE LIGHT OF REAL SIGHT

JOHN 9:13-41

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1. The Pharisees: _____
(vv. 13-17, 39-41)

John 9:13-41 (ESV)
13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

2. The Parents: _____
(vv. 18-23)

18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 21 But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

3. The "Blind" Man: _____
(vv. 24-34)

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28 And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

4. Jesus: _____
(vv. 35-38)

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read John 8:39-41.** The Pharisees seem very distant from our culture. What are some reasons people in our culture don't want to admit their own spiritual blindness?
- 2. Read Matthew 5:3.** Being "poor in spirit" is an essential element of true salvation. How can and should this attitude continue to be expressed in the life of a believer after conversion?
- 3. Read 2 Timothy 3:12-13.** What are ways you have experienced hostility towards your faith or in what ways do you anticipate experiencing it? What are some ways you can look past that opposition to greater realities that will motivate us towards faithfulness?
4. While sharing your story of salvation is not a replacement for sharing the good news about Jesus Christ, why can adding your own story be a powerful testimony to the truth of the gospel? Is there anyone in your life that you think it would be helpful to share this story with?
- 5. Read Psalm 27:8-10.** Verse 10 affirms, "...but the Lord will take me in." How have you seen this to be true in your own life? How does it motivate you to seek God's face this week?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Piper, John. *Finally Alive*. Christian Focus, 2009.

Spurgeon, Charles. *The Soul Winner*. Aneko Press, 2016.

Stiles, Mack. *Evangelism*. Crossway, 2014.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Continue to pray for God to open the eyes of the spiritually blind in our community.

Pray that we would have the strength and vision to withstand opposition.

Pray for opportunities to share the good news with other.

Pray for our nation as we enter the week of the Presidential Election.

Pray for the other churches in our network that are in CA as they navigate church in the midst of tight government restrictions.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
11/2/2020	Jeremiah 47-48	Psalm 119:145-152	John 7:1-13	2 Peter 1:1-11
11/3/2020	Jeremiah 49-50	Psalm 119:153-160	John 7:14-24	2 Peter 1:12-21
11/4/2020	Jeremiah 51	Psalm 119:161-168	John 7:25-31	2 Peter 2:1-22
11/5/2020	Jeremiah 52	Psalm 119:169-176	John 7:32-39	2 Peter 3:1-10
11/6/2020	Lamentations 1-2	Psalm 120	John 7:40-53	2 Peter 3:11-18
11/7/2020	Lamentations 3-5	Psalm 121	John 8:1-11	1 John 1:1-10