

## SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS & SEEING

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Finding Jesus, Finding Life part 30

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**BIG IDEA: Jesus brings light into the darkest parts of humanity, and heals the blindness of those who want to see.** Accept his light.

<sup>1</sup> ...a man blind from birth... who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

**1. Jesus brings LIGHT—freedom, hope, truth and direction—into all our darkness. He himself IS that Light!**

"...So the man went and washed, and came home seeing."

**2. Jesus is full of HEALING and restoring power.**

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."  
**Hebrews 13:8**

<sup>17</sup> Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

<sup>25</sup> "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

<sup>32</sup> Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

<sup>36</sup> "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." <sup>38</sup> Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

<sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains. **John 9:1-41**

**3. We can see with our eyes and be BLIND in our hearts through self-reliance, self-righteousness, and pride.**

**4. When we acknowledge that we need Jesus to ILLUMINATE us—turn on the lights so we can see—and humbly ask for it, lights go on!**

"How blessed are those who know their need of God; the kingdom of Heaven is theirs." **Matthew 5:3** NEB