

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

I was Blind. Now I See!

"... so that you may believe"

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### Context

- John's Purpose Statement (20:30-31)
  - To believe and keep on believing (cf. 8:31, 15:6)
- Jesus fulfills Jewish Feasts/Festivals (5:1-10:42)
- Rising opposition from religious leaders

## PASSAGE OUTLINE

1. **Jesus Physically Heals a Man Born Blind** (v.1-7)
  - Jesus + Disciples + Man born blind
2. **The Jewish People Question the Man** (v.8-34)
  - (v.8-13) Man born blind + Neighbors
  - (v.13-17) Man born blind + Pharisees (*1st time*)
  - (v.18-23) Man born blind + Pharisees + Parents
  - (v.24-34) Man born blind + Pharisees (*2nd time*)
3. **Jesus Spiritually Heals a Man Born Blind** (v.35-41)
  - Jesus + Man born blind + Pharisees

## John's Argument

That Jesus is the only source of spiritual sight and in order to receive this sight we must *recognize* and *respond* correctly to our own spiritual blindness

## APPROACHING THE TEXT

1. Why does John include this story? (cf. 21:25)
2. How do the characters respond to Jesus' healing?
3. How does Jesus interpret this story for us?

### 1.) Why did John include this story?

1. *So that all may believe* that true healing comes only through Jesus
2. So that the providential works of God might be on display
3. Jesus healed the man in the way that was going to point to HIM as God Incarnate

2.) How do the characters respond to Jesus' healing and what do we learn from them?

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1. When faith is placed in the correct source our faith will grow stronger even in the midst of persecution
2. Faith in Christ often results, and at times requires, familial and cultural rejection

3.) How does Jesus interpret this story for us?

1. Salvation requires faith and calls for obedience. The rejection of and turning away from the Light (Jesus) will result in the rejecter being rejected by God
2. The people who are the most blind are the people who don't know that they are blind
3. We must recognize our spiritual blindness in order for our eyes to be opened

#### IMPLICATIONS

1. If we place our faith in the true Light, then He will draw us further and further to himself
2. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus can do for us what no *one* or no *thing* can ever do – give us spiritual sight