

How can we see more clearly?

Insights from John 9:1-41 (Dialogues w/ Jesus, part 4)

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“I am the light of the world.” John 9:5b (NLT)

I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark. John 12:46 (NLT)

I. Dismiss ...

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. 2 “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?” John 9:1-2 (NLT)

Jesus said, “You’re asking the wrong question. You’re looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do.”

John 9:3 (MSG)

II. Depend ...

Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes. 7 He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “sent”). So the man went and washed and came back seeing! John 9:6-7 (NLT)

Two Challenges:

- **Don’t confuse the M_____ with the miracle.**
- **Don’t stop M_____ after the miracle.**

I am in deep trouble. Rush to my aid, for only you can help and save me. O Lord, don’t delay. Psalm 70:5 (LB)

III. Determine ...

- **The People's ...**

His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some said he was, and others said, "No, he just looks like him!" But the beggar kept saying, "Yes, I am the same one!" John 9:8-9 (NLT)

- **The Pharisees' ...**

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath." Others said, "But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?" So there was a deep division of opinion among them. John 9:16 (NLT)

- **The Parent's ...**

We don't know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. John 9:21-22 (NLT)

IV. Declare ...

"I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!" John 9:25 (NLT)

"Yes, Lord, I believe!" the man said. And he worshiped Jesus. 39 Then Jesus told him, "I entered this world ... to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind." John 9:38-39 (NLT)

- John 9:11 *"The man they call Jesus ..."*
- John 9:17 *"He is a prophet ..."*
- John 9:38 *"Lord, I believe", and he worshiped Him.*

"I once was ... but now I ..."

You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. Matthew 5:14-15 (NLT)