



LET HIM BE KNOWN

Healing the Man Born Blind

WEEK 6

WARM-UP

- Have you ever won an award or recognition for something? What was it for?
- Tell us about a time when you experienced not having electricity available at night. How did you feel?
- When was the last time you had difficulty looking for something (e.g., keys, clothes) at home? Why was it difficult to find?

WORD ⁵*“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”*
⁶*Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. **JOHN 9:5-7***

(Read also **JOHN 9:1-4**.)

Jesus and His disciples happened to pass by a blind man, whom the disciples thought was blind as a result of sin. Having been unable to see since birth, it seemed impossible for the man to be healed. By putting mud on the blind man’s eyes, Jesus instantly healed him. Jesus’ healing of the blind man was not because of who the blind man was or what he had done. It was a miracle that turned an impossible situation into an amazing story of God’s power and grace. Today, we will look at this man whose life was filled with darkness, until Jesus’ light and glory shone in his life.

1 | The blind man's world was in darkness.

¹As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" **JOHN 9:1-2**

The man in this story was not only in physical darkness due to his blindness. As an outcast in society, carrying the burden of physically being unable to see, social and emotional darkness surrounded the blind man. This man needed light in his life. Jesus approached the blind man to give him sight, but this miracle gave him so much more than that. Jesus gave him both the light that comes from seeing and the light that overcomes the darkness he was in. How was God's glory revealed through the blind man?

2 | Jesus came to bring the blind man light.

⁶Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. **JOHN 9:6-7**

Nothing and no one could heal the blind man until Jesus came to him. The way Jesus chose to heal the blind man was interesting—He put mud on his eyes. It was a miracle that came out of something as ordinary as mud. Before healing the blind man, Jesus revealed Himself as *the light of the world* (John 9:5). This proves how He is the only one who can fulfill the man's needs. He is the only one who can bring light to the blind man's dark world and into our dark world today. What does Jesus' use of ordinary things like mud say about the way He performs miracles?

3 | Jesus came for God's glory to shine in the world.

³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. . . . ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." **JOHN 9:3, 5**

The miracle did not happen because the man who was blind was worthy of being healed. Jesus healed him because of who He is—*the light of the world*. Jesus brought light to the whole world, not just to one man. Bringing light to the man who could now see was only a foretaste of what Jesus would accomplish on the cross. Jesus is the light that allows God's glory to shine in the world. He came not just to perform miracles for people; He came to lead people to God through miracles. What does it mean for God's glory, His light, to shine upon the whole world?

In the sixth sign recorded in the Gospel of John, Jesus revealed Himself as the light of the world. In darkness, Jesus is the light that brings direction, illumination, and clarity in our lives. The darkness in our world today is where the glory of God is revealed the most.

APPLICATION

- Have you received the light of Jesus in your own life? If so, how has your life changed for the better? If you have yet to receive Him as your light, would you like to do so and pray with someone today?
- What specific area in your life needs the light of Jesus? How does the message today speak to that area?
- What is something you can do to bring Jesus' light to others this week? Pray for someone who has yet to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Ask God for opportunities to present the gospel to this person.

