

John #50

9:1-12

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"I Am the Light of the World"

Intro: This Lord's Day we open to the 9th chapter of John's Gospel where we find a stark contrast between the unbelief of the Jerusalem religious authorities of chapter 8, and a poor beggar man who being blind from birth could not even so much as see _____, but to whom Christ _____ his _____.

I. _____ a _____ who was blind from birth.

A. When the disciples saw this blind man they _____ that his affliction was a direct result of either his sin or that of his parents. They _____ of the Lord asking, "Teacher, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?"

B. Jesus explained that the man's blindness was not a direct result of his nor his parents sin, "but [it was] in order that the works of _____ might be _____ in him."

C. Knowing the brevity of His earthly days, and the divine purpose for which the Father sent Him, _____ said, verse 5, "While I am in the world, I am _____ of the world."

D. Having pronounced Himself to be the Light of the world before the unbelieving religious authorities of chapter 8, and here now again before His disciples and any others who were there, Jesus set out to _____ this spiritual truth. By means of a miraculous, fully perceptible and undeniable sign He would _____ Himself to be the Light of the world. Thus, Jesus stepped forward that He would _____ the Father by ministering Light to the poor blind beggar.

II. In ministry to the blind man, _____ made clay of spit and dirt and _____ it to his eyes!

A. Christ healed in such a way as not to draw attention to Himself nor His method, but that _____ alone would be _____.

B. The Lord's _____ to the man was clear and straight forward: the man was to go to the pool of Siloam to _____.

C. The man _____ the _____ at His word, and in obeying the Lord he experienced the power of God and came back seeing! He who was blind from birth was blind no more, for God _____ him _____ and for the first time in his life he saw!

D. The _____ was so marvelous that some doubted that the one they saw was actually the one they knew as the blind beggar. But the man _____ that indeed he used to be the blind beggar, saying, "I am the one."

E. The man who had been blind from birth testified that the man called Jesus made clay, and _____ his eyes, and that he received his _____.

III. As we think upon this text and wonder at the Lord's miraculous works, we remember that Isaiah wrote of the Messiah, recording the Father's word to His only begotten Son saying, 42:6-7, "I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, And I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, 7 To _____, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon, And those who dwell in darkness from the prison."

A. Of the recorded miracles of our Lord Jesus, the opening of blinded eyes is more numerous than any other single miracle. Truly _____ the Christ - _____ of the world!

Closing: As we have come to the end of our study, let us apply this _____ story of a physical healing to the truth of spiritual healing (_____).

As MacArthur put it, "This account of Jesus healing of a blind man beautifully illustrates the salvation process. Blinded by sin (12:40; 2 Cor. 4:4), lost sinners have _____ to recognize the Savior or find Him on their own (Rom. 3:11; 8:7). The blind man would not have been healed had Jesus not sought him and revealed Himself to him. So it is in salvation; if _____ did not _____ out to spiritually blinded _____, no one would be saved (Rom. 5:6; cf. John 6:44, 65). And just as the blind man was healed only when he obeyed Jesus' command and washed in the pool of Siloam, so also are _____ only when they humbly and obediently embrace the truth of the gospel (Rom. 1:5; 15:18; 16:26; Heb. 5:9; cf. II Thess. 1:8; 1 Peter 1:17)."

And so then, those who are saved are granted salvation (spiritual sight) by the grace of _____ alone and thereby, God alone is _____.

Will you now see that Jesus is the Light of the world, believing in Him? If you will be saved, then humbly admit that you were blind in sin; and that now seeing the Light (Truth) of Christ believe in Him, _____ yourself to Him by _____ His Word.