

THE EYES HAVE IT Spectator– Part 5 of 7

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John 20:31*

- **FIFTH SIGN:** The healing of the **BLIND** man.

“1 As he went along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ 3 ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned,’ said Jesus. ‘But this happened so that...’” John 9:1-3a

KEY TRUTH: Pain can have a **PURPOSE**.

“3 ‘But this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in his life. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ 6 Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. 7 ‘Go,’ he told him, ‘wash in the Pool of Siloam.’ So, the man...” John 9:3-7a

“Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed.” John 20:29

“7...so the man went and washed and came home seeing. 8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, ‘Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?’ 9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, ‘No, he only looks like him.’ But he himself insisted, ‘I am the man.’ 10 ‘How then are your eyes opened,’ they demanded. 11 He replied, ‘The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So, I went and washed, and then I could see.’ 12 ‘Where is this man?’ they asked him. ‘I don’t know,’ he said. 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been born blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was on the Sabbath. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. ‘He put mud on my eyes,’ the man replied, ‘and I washed, and now I see.’ 16 Some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.’ But others asked, ‘How can a sinner perform such a sign?’ So, they were divided. 17 Finally they turned again to the blind man, ‘What do you have to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.’ The man replied, ‘He is a prophet.’ 18 The Pharisees still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents. 19 ‘Is this your son?’ they asked. ‘Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that he can now see?’ 20 ‘We know he is our son,’ the parents answered, ‘and we know he was born blind. 21 But how he can now see and who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.’ 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, for they had already decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue.” John 9:7-22

“24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. ‘Give glory to God,’ they said. ‘We know this man is a sinner.’ 25 He replied, ‘Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know...” John 9:24-25a

“25... ‘Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!’” John 9:25b

“26 Then they asked him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’ 27 He answered, ‘I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?’ 28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, ‘You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.’ 30 The man answered, ‘Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. 32 Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’ 34 To this they replied, ‘You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!’ And they threw him out.” John 9:26-34

BOTTOM LINE: If you’ve **LIMITED** God to your view of God because your version of what being Godly is; you run the risk of **LEAVING OUT** people that God loves.

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“God so loved the world that He gave Himself so that no one would ever be lost to God...” John 3:16