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BELL CREEK
Community Church



NOVEMBER 15, 2026

THE BLIND MAN SAW A KING
JOHN CHAPTER 9

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CURRENT SERMON SERIES:
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FOR NEXT WEEK
Read John chapter 11.

DAILY CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

NOVEMBER 15: LUKE 24; JOHN 20-21
NOVEMBER 16: ACTS 1-3
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NOVEMBER 18: ACTS 7-8
NOVEMBER 19: ACTS 9-10
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UPCOMING AT THE CREEK

ETHICS SEMINAR

If you are intested in learning how to apply Scripture to your daily life and think bibically about tough issues, join Pastor Dylan for a seminar about Ethics. Class meets at 11:00 AM in the Prayer Room on Sundays.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Pastor Dylan's Systematic Theology class continues on Sundays, from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Prayer Room.

BOXES OF LOVE OUTREACH

Our annual Boxes of Love outreach begins today through Wednesday, November 18. This year we have another opportunity to bless 100 families in need throughout Livonia, Redford, and Dearborn Heights with a Thanksgiving meal. Each box will include not only ingredients for a delicious meal, but also a Gospel presentation, and an invitation to join us at Bell Creek for worship.

If you would like to participate, simply sign up, pick up an empty box and shopping list in the gym, and purchase the items listed. Each box will also include a $20 certificate that can be redeemed for a turkey or ham. A $20 contribution is requested for each box. Payment may be made by cash or check payable to Bell Creek Community Church. Please place your payment inside your completed box or in the basket on the table at the back of the gym by 7:45 PM on Wednesday, November 18. For questions, please contact Amanda Rice at amanda@bellcreek.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Young Adult group is for adults 18-30 years old, and will now meet twice a month! Our next gathering is Sunday, November 22, after the second service in the Prayer Room. Join us as we gather and build friendships with other young people in a fun and laid-back environment!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING OUTREACH & DINNER

Bell Creek's 4th Annual Christmas Caroling Outreach and Dinner is Saturday, December 5. We will meet at church at 4:00 PM and return from caroling around 6:00 PM for dinner. We will have crafts/activities for the children as well. Sign up at bellcreek.org or in the gym with Audrey Rodgers after services today.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:30 PM
FRIDAYS 12 NOON

PRE–TEEN & MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM
SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP
2ND SERVICE

AWANA

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM
SEPTEMBER-MAY

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS AT BELLCREEK.ORG

OUR MISSION

MATTHEW 22:37–40

He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and prophets depend on these two commandments.”

MATTHEW 28:19–20

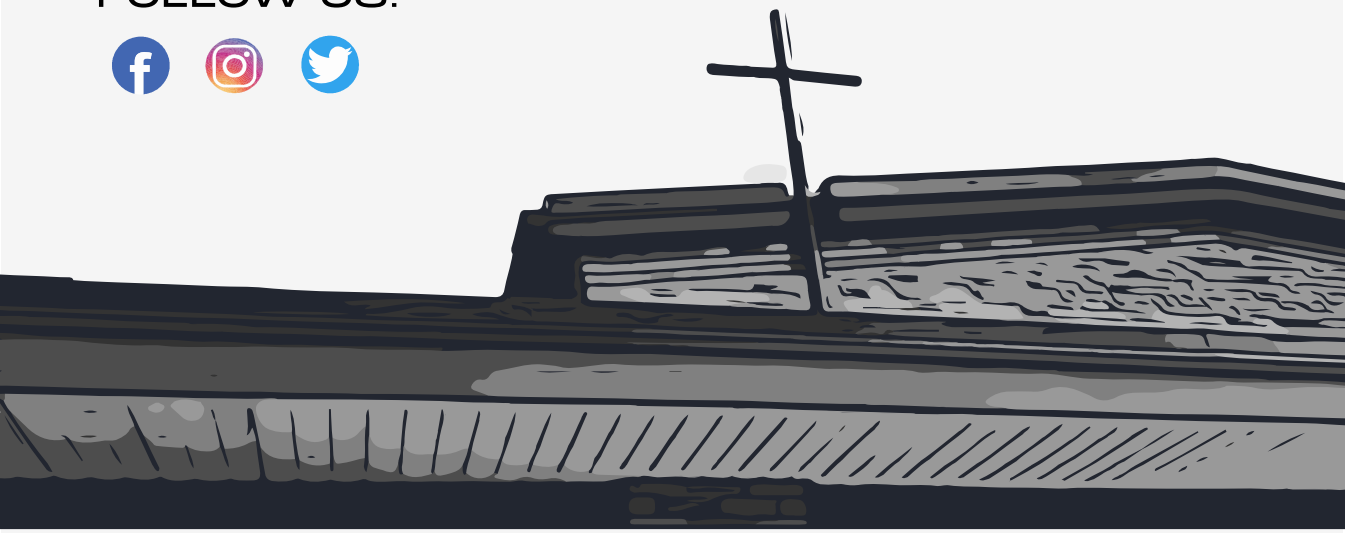
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am with you always to the end of the age.

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Sermon Series | Wonders of the King – the Miracles of Jesus

Sunday, November 8, 2026 | The Blind Man Saw A King

John Chapter 9

Sermon Text: John Chapter 9

The King Saw A Blind Man

"As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him." (John 9:1–3, ESV)

> Some of the Jews attributes health and wealth to faith and Godliness, and sickness and poverty to sin and a lack of faith. And unfortunately, that idea is still around today. It's called the "prosperity gospel" (which is no gospel at all). It's the idea that if you have enough faith you won't be poor or sick, in fact, you could be rich and healthy! It's a lie. The book of Job destroys this idea, and the lives of the Apostles and so many Godly, faithful people who suffer also destroys this idea.
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> There was also an idea among some (some, not all) of the Jewish rabbis and among the Jewish people that a disability like this could be the result of sin. But *how* could this man be blind as a consequence of sin? Some Rabbis suggested that if a woman sinned while pregnant, the consequences of the sin could be passed to her unborn baby. Of course, we recognize that our sins can have consequences, but this is too far. Jesus shuts this faulty theology down by saying, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."

"We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."" (John 9:4–5, ESV)

> Jesus is the light of the world: "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."" (John 8:12, ESV)
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> "the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."" (Matthew 4:16, ESV)

"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 and 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, ESV)

> Why did Jesus heal the man this way? I don't know! But here's three ideas: 1. Just as God formed man from the dust of the earth, Jesus is creating sight for a man born blind. 2. It's the sabbath. Perhaps Jesus is deliberately provoking the Pharisees by "working" on the sabbath. Yes, according to the traditions of the Jews, making mud would be considered "work." 3. The mud on the man's eyes would have been quite a spectacle to everyone as he is led to pool of Siloam. This sign will be unmistakable, much like the sign of the demons going into the pigs.

Blind to the King's Light

I am going to read John 8-34 out loud.

[These will be on the screen]

"Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them." (John 9:16, ESV)

"So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner."" (John 9:24, ESV)

"He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."" (John 9:25, ESV)

"If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."" (John 9:33, ESV)

The Blind Man Saw A King

"Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"" (John 9:35–36, ESV)

> This is key! The (formerly blind) man knew that the "Son of Man" was a title for the Messiah. It says in the Book of Daniel, "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13–14, ESV). Daniel sees a heavenly figure who: Comes with the clouds of heaven, Approaches the Ancient of Days. Receives dominion, glory, and a kingdom, Is served by all peoples, nations, and languages, Possesses an everlasting kingdom. This is clearly Royal and end-times language!

"Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him." (John 9:37–38, ESV)

> Did you catch that? He *worshipped Jesus.* And Jesus *received* his worship.

"Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."" (John 9:39, ESV)

> There is physical blindness and there is spiritual blindness. Who are those who "do not see?" The sick, the sinners, the unrighteous, those who are poor in spirit. Jesus says, "they will see." Who are those who "see?" The proud, the self-righteous, those who are content with themselves and don't think they need help or need a Savior.

"Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains." (John 9:40–41, ESV)

These men, these spiritual leaders who were tasked with being the teachers of Scripture and the shepherds of Israel refused to recognize the Son of Man and the Son of God even through He was standing right in front of them. They squeezed their eyes tight shut even though the light was shining, and they plugged their ears to the voice of God. How horrible! Lord, open our eyes, and open our ears, and open our hearts to you!

Some Questions for us:

Where are we blind? Where has pride blinded us to the truth of God's Word? Where have we become so confident in own resources, or our own understanding that we are no longer dependent on Jesus, or willing to be corrected by Him?

The blind man received his sight, recognized Jesus as the Son of Man, and worshiped Him. You have now heard who Jesus is and what He has done. Will you continue to turn away from the Light of the World, OR will you turn away from the darkness and believe in Him and receive the light of life?

When you experience suffering that you cannot understand, are you tempted to believe that God is punishing you or has forgotten you? Jesus' compassion toward the blind man encourages you to trust that God sees you and is at work, even when you cannot understand His purposes. He will help us in our suffering, and if we trust Him and obey Him we will see that even in the hardest times, the God will shine through us for our good and His glory.