

# John 9 – 31 May 2026

## “The Blind See... And Vice Versa”

### Introduction

- \*Chap 6 began Jesus’ 3<sup>rd</sup> year of public ministry
- \*From Chap 7-10a Jesus is at the Feast of Tabernacles and the days following
- \*Jesus has been proclaiming that He is the Light of the World for several days now at the Temple
- \*Light represents truth and justice
  - \*But it also represents *the way to* truth & justice
  - \*Not just *source* of truth but also *the path* to truth
- \*We sit in spiritual darkness without the light of truth
  - \*Jesus came to give light that brings sight
- \*And He wants us to join in on the mission to bring sight to the spiritually blind

**Today, we’ll see 3 ways to give sight to the blind**

## **#1 – With Urgency: Give the truth while there’s time (Vs 1-12)**

Read 9:1-2

1. They’re limiting their experience with God b/c they have a preconceived (wrong) idea
  - a. They believe that all illness & injury is from direct sin – it can be but isn’t always
  - b. It’s actually from original sin & corruption over time
2. Sometimes we pray, ‘God should I buy this car or that car to get to work’ & God wants us to ride w/ a friend to work for a time or wait to buy a car
3. Be careful not to limit how God wants to work

Read 9:3

1. In the original creation, God didn’t create Adam as a robot that would obey perfect
  - a. Then there would be no chance for love
  - b. They there would be no need of God to help us personally

2. Where there's perfection, there's no need of God
  - a. If there is a shortcoming in your life, the Lord can work there and be praised
  - b. Next time a person asks, 'why was I made this way' respond, 'So the works of God can be seen in them'

Read 9:4-5

1. There is that ultimate ministry coming for Jesus on the cross
  - a. He recognizes that there's only so much time to work and serve God until then
2. Jesus calls Himself the Light - & He'll later call us the light of the world
3. Just as there is only some much time for Jesus to work, so it's the same for us
  - a. Redeem the time the days are evil - Eph 5:16
  - b. Occupy until I come - Luke 19:13
  - c. It's high time to awake from sleep - Rom 13:11

## Read 9:6-7

1. Jesus heals in a variety of ways
  - a. Bartimaeus – He just spoke (Luke 18)
  - b. Man at Temple - Rubbed clay on eyes (now)
  - c. Galilean Man – Touched his eyes (Matt 9)
  - d. There's a gradual healing (Mark 8)
  - e. Not the method that matters, it's the Man!!
2. Notice the blind man simple faith in Jesus
  - a. He believed, acted, & returned to worship
3. He went beyond the “letter of the law” to wash
  - a. Though he could have gone home to family, he chose to return to praise God
  - b. This is what it is to make Jesus your Lord

## Read 9:8-12

1. This is what every Christian should do – simply repeat back what Jesus has done for us
2. Let people sort thru whether or not they'll believe what God has done for us
  - a. We just simply speak the truth

## #2 – With Resiliency: Withstand the pressure to agree with the blind (Vs 13-34)

Read 9:13-16

1. But a sinner can do miracles (Read Deut 13:1-3a)
  - a. Criteria isn't the *quality* of the person, but what is the miracle-worker *teaching*
2. Jesus has previously explained that it's lawful to do good on the Sabbath Day
  - a. Sabbath was made for man not vis versa
3. They think He broke the Law, but He didn't

Read 9:17-18

1. They're so bias against believing Jesus is from God that now they're denying the whole event
2. Speaking truth will make others call you a liar

Read 9:19-23

1. The fact that they "feared the Jews" means that they could have done more to glorify God
  - a. They gave the simplest, bland truth possible

- b. They could've said what they knew of Jesus
- 2. At the Last Supper Jesus will say to prepare for men to kick us out of their societal circles and why
  - a. Read John 16:1-3 - b/c they don't know God

Read 9:24-25

- 1. For some, if they can't figure out how or why Jesus acts, then they'll refuse to believe
  - a. For God to be worthy of our praise, He must be bigger than my brain can fathom
  - b. They're trying to bring God down to what they can fully understand or they won't believe
- 2. The Jews were wrong with what "they knew" while the man was right with what he knew
  - a. To accept Christ, we must reexamine all our presuppositions - the things we 'think' we know

Read 9:26-27

- 1. "Are you asking b/c you really want to believe?" – no

2. There's no obligation to answer people that really don't want the answer
3. They're asking simply to find further attempts to discredit Jesus

## Read 9:28-34

1. Now the healed man begins to teach the Jews
  - a. From a place of simply believing the OT
2. Healing the blind was a specific healing that Messiah was to come & do (Read Isa 42:6-7)
  - a. That this specifically applies to Messiah, let's read Matt 11:4-5a
3. The healed man marvels that they "don't know" if Jesus is from God
  - a. Healing the blind should be enough for them to know
4. Though the healed man spoke nothing but the truth, he's excommunicated from religious life
  - a. Separated forever from the Jewish religion
  - b. Never to worship w/ his fearful parents again

### **#3 – With Faith In Jesus: Only the Son of Man can remove sin in the light (Vs 35-41)**

Read 9:35-38

1. No angel, no prophet of man has ever accepted worship
  - a. Our Lord Jesus is God Himself – the healer
2. Notice Jesus never heals for the sake of the physical, but to get to the spiritual
  - a. Physical help simply aids in bringing someone into spiritual help
  - b. This man's believe in Jeus as the Son of Man will save his soul
3. Salvation is based on belief, not on deeds

Read 9:39-41

1. If you think you have a way to eternal life figured out – you're blind
  - a. If you think you can't find a way to eternal life – you see clearly

2. Always a dual choice – we're blind and in need *or* we see ourselves as needing nothing
  - a. Read Rev 3:17-18 to the Laodiceans
  - b. Jesus has what we need to be healed

## Conclusion

So, are you *the seeing* that are *blind*? Or *the blind* that now *see*?

If you're the blind that now see...

1. **Give the truth with urgency**
2. **Withstand the pressure to agree with the blind with resiliency**

If you're the seeing that are blind...

1. **Believe in the Son of Man, Jesus, who can remove your sin when you come to His light**