



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 9:1-12 (NAS)

“The Light-Giving Light”

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- 1 And as He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.
- 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?"
- 3 Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was in order that the works of God might be displayed in him.
- 4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work.
- 5 "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
- 6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,
- 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). And so he went away and washed, and came back seeing.
- 8 The neighbors therefore, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, "Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?"
- 9 Others were saying, "This is he," still others were saying, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the one."
- 10 Therefore they were saying to him, "How then were your eyes opened?"
- 11 He answered, "The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam, and wash'; so I went away and washed, and I received sight."
- 12 And they said to him, "Where is He?" He \*said, "I do not know."

### **I. THE MIRACLES OF JESUS**

- A. Recorded To Reinforce Truth Being Taught
- B. John Records Only 7 Of Jesus' Miracles
- C. John Declared Jesus Performed Many Other Miracles *John 20:30-31*

### **II. THERE ARE PARALLELS BETWEEN THE BLIND MAN AND UNBELIEVERS**

- A. The Blind Man Was Prohibited From Entering The Temple
- B. Man In His Sinful State Cannot Come Into The Presence Of God  
*II Corinthians 6:14; Psalm 82:15; John 3:3 (spiritual blindness)*
- C. Helpless To Overcome The Blindness, To Provide For Self

### **III. PURPOSE OF THE MIRACLE**

- A. Emphasizes That Jesus Is The Light Of The World
- B. To Show Jesus Is The One Who Gives Spiritual Eyes To See  
*Ephesians 2:1*
- C. To Bring Glory To God *John 9:3,5*
- D. Healing The Blind Is The Miracle Most Commonly Performed By Jesus, As Recorded in 4 Gospels

### **IV. MEANS JESUS USED IN PERFORMING THE MIRACLE**

- A. Seems Strange
- B. We Are Not Told Why He Uses This Method
- C. What We Do Know
  1. Jesus told him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam
  2. John acknowledges that Siloam meant Sent
  3. Jesus declares That He was Sent *John 9:4*

### **V. THE RESPONSE OF THE BLIND MAN**

- A. He Went In Faith To The Pool
- B. He Received His Sight
- C. Many Observed The Change