

# I Was Blind, Now I See

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Jesus demonstrates that He indeed is the promised Messiah who opens the eyes of the blind. Now, just like the entire Old Testament, the physical reality points us to a greater spiritual truth; that what we ultimately need is spiritual sight. So Jesus is the light of the world who exposes our rejection of Him and our need for Him. By believing in Jesus, we escape God's just judgment of our sin and receive the light of life. Praise the Lord!

## **I. Jesus is the Light of the world – Read John 9:1-12 and answer these questions**

- A. The disciples ask Jesus if the man's blindness was due to his sin or his parents' sin. Do you believe that people still think this way? Why or why not?
- B. Looking at verse 3, what "works of God" are displayed in the healing of this man born blind?
- C. What is the significance of Jesus' "I AM" statement in verse 5 in relationship to the miracle?
- D. What are the details of the miracle itself and what did the man have to do for it to take place?

## **II. Jesus is the Light at work in the world – Read John 9:13-34 and answer these questions**

- A. On what grounds do the Pharisees object to Jesus' miracle (vv. 16, 22, 24, 29)?
- B. Why do you think Jesus keeps healing on the Sabbath?
- C. How do the Pharisees respond to the man's testimony? How about to the parent's testimony?
- D. In verses 30-34, the man born blind starts instructing the teachers on truth. How can you and I protect ourselves from being "Pharisees" who "search for truth" but never listen to the truth?

## **III. Jesus is the Light who will judge the world – Read John 9:35-41 and answer these questions**

- A. In John 9:35, what is Jesus referencing when He says, "Do you believe in the Son of Man"?
- B. How would you explain Jesus' comment in verse 39?
- C. Why do you think the Pharisees are so adamant on rejecting Jesus as the Messiah?
- D. How do we protect ourselves from growing cold or dull to the fact that Jesus is the Messiah?