

Behold the Lamb

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JOHN 9:1-41

Text: John 9:5

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⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Introduction:

John records the 7 “I Am’s” of the Lord.

- The Bread of Life
- The Light of the World
- The Door
- The Good Shepherd
- The Resurrection and the Life
- The Way, The Truth, and The Life
- The Vine

When the Lord made some of these statements, He demonstrated its truth by a miracle to verify it.

With the bread statement, He fed 5,000.

With the Life statement He raised Lazarus from the dead.

With the light statement He opened this blind man's eyes.

Notice in this passage:

1. THE DARKNESS THAT OVERSHADOWED HIM (VS. 1)

John 9:1

¹ And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

Born Blind

Naturally we are born spiritually blind and lack understanding of spiritual things.

1 Corinthians 2:14

¹⁴ But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

2 Corinthians 4:4

⁴ In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds

of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Ephesians 4:18

¹⁸ Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

1 Peter 2:9

⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Notice not only the Darkness but also:

2. THE DELIBERATION THAT SURROUNDED HIM (VS. 2)

John 9:2

² And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3. THE DEED THAT CURED HIM (VS. 6-7)

John 9:6-7

⁶ When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, ⁷ And said unto him, Go,

wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

- What Jesus did. V.6,7 (put clay on his eyes)
- What Jesus said. V.7 (“Go wash in the pool”)
- What the man did. V 7. (obeyed the Lord)

4. THE DENUNCIATION THAT ASSAILED HIM (VS. 8-23)

- His neighbors doubted him. V.8-12

Luke 9:8-12

⁸ And of some, that Elias had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again. ⁹ And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him. ¹⁰

And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. ¹¹ And the people, when they knew *it*, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing. ¹² And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns

and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place.

- The Pharisees openly opposed him. V.13-18

Luke 9:13-18

¹³ But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people. ¹⁴ For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. ¹⁵ And they did so, and made them all sit down. ¹⁶ Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude. ¹⁷ And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets. ¹⁸ And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

- His family were afraid to stand with him. V.18-23

Luke 9:18-23

¹⁸ And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am? ¹⁹ They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again. ²⁰ He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter

answering said, The Christ of God. ²¹ And he straitly charged them, and commanded *them* to tell no man that thing; ²² Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. ²³ And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

5. THE DECLARATION THE WAS HEARD FROM HIM (VS. 25)

Luke 9:25

²⁵ For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

- They saw Him as a man. V.16

John 9:16

¹⁶ *Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.*

- He saw Him as a prophet. V.17

John 9:17

¹⁷ *They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.*

- He saw Him as one worth of having disciples. V.27

John 9:27

²⁷ *He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?*

- He saw Him as one who had God's blessing on Him. V33

John 9:33

³³ *If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.*

- He saw Him as the Son of God. V.35

John 9:35

³⁵ *Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?*

- He saw Him as Lord. V. 38

John 9:38

³⁸ *And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.*