

Word on Wednesday Bible Study
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Jesus, the Light of the World - John 9:1–11, 30–33

Series: All Signs Point to Jesus

Introduction: According to the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, billions of people are living with vision lost, of which 43 million people are totally blind. The World Health Organization states that vision is “the most dominate of our senses...without vision, we struggle to learn, to walk, to read, to participate”. The leading causes of vision impairment and blindness are refractive errors and cataracts. The Bible says, “**where there is no vision, the people perish**” (Prov. 29:18 - KJV). The “refractive errors” of sin and the “cataracts” of Satan blind us to truth, and both work together to try to prevent us from learning about God, reading His Word, walking with Christ, and participating in His kingdom. However, Jesus declares that He is the “light of the world,” and anyone who follows Him “will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). Jesus has come to shed light, not only to show us the truth (John 14:6), but to help us walk in the truth. In His prayer for His disciples, He prayed, “Sanctify them in truth, your Word is truth” (John 17:17), and Psalm 119:105 states, “Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.” “When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey”.

I. Jesus Is _____ (John 9:1–5)

- People assumed all suffering was caused by _____!
- Like the man born blind, without Christ we are in _____.
- Jesus doesn’t just restore sight—He _____ new life.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

II. Jesus _____ Light (John 9:6–11)

- Jesus healed the man even though he didn’t _____.
- God blesses us not just with what we say, but with the _____ of our hearts.
- The man obeyed without a _____ of healing, and God honored his obedience.

His transformation was so great that people hardly recognized him. Vs. 8-9

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5–6)

“For we live by faith, not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

“He answered, ‘The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.’ – vs. 11

Jesus gives light so we testify to Him being the light!

III. Jesus _____ Light on Who He Comes From (John 9:30–33)

- The healed man _____ before the Pharisees.
- The Pharisees _____ Jesus because of their tradition.
- Predetermined conclusions can blind us to _____.
- The man who was once blind clearly saw that Jesus was from God.

“Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, ‘What? Are we blind too?’ Jesus said, ‘If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.’” (John 9:40–41)

Conclusion: The apostle Paul serves as a prime example of someone who initially concluded that Jesus was not the Christ. He not only approved of the murder of a Christian (Acts 7:57-60) but also persecuted believers (Acts 8:3). It was only after encountering the Resurrected Christ and being blinded that he finally understood (Acts 9:1-19). **None of us are immune to being influenced by teachers, culture, or tradition, leading us to certain fixed opinions.** Have you ever witnessed what seemed to be a move of God and dismissed it because you had already decided it was impossible? Is your rejection based on what you were taught without personally examining the Scriptures? Is it grounded in truth or tradition? Are you part of a group that only reinforces what you already believe? When you study Scripture, do you only look for verses that support your views? All of these factors contributed to the rejection of the Messiah. The Bereans checked the Scriptures daily to verify what Paul said (Acts 17:11). It is this daily effort to seek the truth—not our own truth—that keeps us faithful to God.