

JOHN 9:8-38.
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Last week, we saw how that Jesus first saw the man, then saw he was blind. This week. **How the blind man saw Jesus.**

How do you see Jesus?

Subject: The testimony of the man born blind.

Theme: Progressive awareness in our relationship with Jesus.

Proposition: Where are you in your relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you see Him as a man called Jesus, v.11. A prophet, v. 17, a worshiper of God..who doeth His will, v. 31, or as One who is in truth, worthy of your worship, v. 38.

I. RECOGNIZED THE WORKS OF JESUS 9 - 1 2

II. RECOGNIZED THE WAYS OF JESUS 1 3 - 1 7

interlude: 13-23 YOUR PARENTS CAN'T DO YOUR WITNESSING FOR YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!USE THIS AT THE END. AS AN ADDENDUM.

III. RECOGNIZED THE WORTH OF JESUS 2 4 - 3 4

IV. RECOGNIZED JESUS 3 5 - 3 7

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KNEW HIS NAME - JESUS

KNEW WHAT HE HAD DONE - 1 1

affirmation of his I.D. 9

most detailed account of the events 11 cf. 15, 25; (27)

11 lengthy, account.

15 shorter account

25 still shorter

30 "...yet he hath opened my eyes."

II. RECOGNIZED THE WAYS OF JESUS 1 3 - 1 7

HE IS A PROPHET - A MAN SENT FROM GOD WITH THE MESSAGE OF GOD. Woman at the well - 4 : 1 9 "Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet."

III. RECOGNIZED THE WORTH OF JESUS 2 4 - 3 4 A. THE ACCUSATION 2 4

"WE KNOW that this man is a sinner"

V. 24. "Unbelief often claims to be scientific, but here it was just stubborn and willful." bkc

B. THE ANSWER 2 5

"one thing I know WHEREAS I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE"

25 "In his book, "A hunger for meaning" Calvin Miller tells about a believer who had been an alcoholic. To test him, an unbeliever challenged him to tell exactly how Christ changed the water

into wine. The believer answered, I do not know how or why Christ changed the water into wine. I ONLY KNOW THAT IN MY CASE HE DID SOMETHING MORE USEFUL; HE CHANGED BEER INTO FURNITURE." DB SEPT.23, 1985.

C. THE ASPERSION 28 - 29

REVILED = TO SLANDER, REPROACH, ASPERSE

D. THE AFFIRMATION

v. 30-33 "The beggar proceeded to teach them since they admitted ignorance of Jesus origin. HE IS WORTHY!

REVIEW OF POINTS

- I. RECOGNIZED THE WORKS OF JESUS 9 - 12
- II. RECOGNIZED THE WAYS OF JESUS 13 - 17

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III. RECOGNIZED THE WORTH OF JESUS 24 - 34

AND NOW HE:

IV. RECOGNIZED JESUS 35 - 37

FAITH INVOLVES AN ACT OF THE WILL, BASED ON INFORMATION. bkc.

38 "After Jesus revealed that He is the Son of Man, the man responded in faith ("Lord I believe") and worshipped Him. His worship of Jesus replaced his worship in the synagogue. The Jews had cast him out of the synagogue, BUT JESUS DOES NOT CAST OUT THOSE WHO COME TO HIM

(6:37) The one goal of salvation is to worship the one who saves. (4:23) bkc

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Joh 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

REMEMBER OUR STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES, IN PARTICULAR - GIDEON.
WE SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO THINGS NECESSARY TO DO IN ORDER TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

WE NEED TO "RECOGNIZE" OUR PROBLEM AND "RESPOND" TO GOD'S PROMPTING.

HERE, THE BLIND MAN DID BASICALLY THE SAME THING. FIRST HE **RECOGNIZED** WHO JESUS WAS THEN HE **RESPONDED** TO WHO JESUS WAS.

RECOGNIZED HIM

1. AS JESUS
2. AS A PROPHET
3. AS A TRUE WORSHIPER OF GOD.

RESPONDED TO HIM: **35-38**

BELIEVED ON HIM (**36 & 38**)

WORSHIPED HIM

JESUS TOLD THOMAS IN **JOHN 20:27** "BE NOT FAITHLESS, BUT BELIEVING."

RESULT..."MY LORD AND MY GOD."

SHOW A COMPARISON OF THE THREE RESPONSES OF THE MAN. HE BEGINS IN DETAIL ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE. HIS EXPLANATIONS ARE SHORTER AND SHORTER AND HIS TESTIMONY IS GREATER AND GREATER.

Two types of "pillars" Those who are the ones who support the ministry, (in every way) are one type of pillar. Then there are the caterpillar. They crawl in and out of church. (They gorge themselves, and sit around waiting for the day when they will be butterflies)! (DID NOT USE AT GBC)

In **James Kennedy's** early manual on evangelism, he spoke of a national survey of Christians regarding WHY CHRISTIANS DON'T WITNESS. He felt like he already knew the answers he would receive,

1. don't know how
2. afraid to talk to people
3. don't know any of the unsaved etc...

He was shocked when he got the anonymous replies back. The number one reason that Christians said they did not witness,

WAS BECAUSE THEIR OWN WALK WITH THE LORD WAS SO SHAKY. THEY WERE NO DIFFERENT THAN THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM, AND EVERYBODY KNEW IT!

NOW, GO BACKWARDS THROUGH THE BLIND MAN'S REVELATION.

**WE DON'T WITNESS B/C WE DON'T WORSHIP,
WE DON'T WORSHIP BECAUSE WE DON'T COUNT THE LORD WORTHY OF WORSHIP,
WE DON'T COUNT HIM WORTHY, B/C WE DON'T RECOGNIZE HIS POSITION,
AND UNFORTUNATELY, SOME DO NOT DO THIS, B/C THEY REALLY DON'T KNOW JESUS!**

Whereas the man could say, **'I was blind but now I see'**

many Christians **today can only say, "whereas I was blind, now I walk around with my eyes closed."**