

Jesus Sees You

***'Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man
who was blind from birth'
(John 9:1)***

1) To the disciples he was a case for theology

- ✓ **Many ask questions to satisfy their curiosity**
- ✓ *'Whose fault is it that he was born blind?'*
- ✓ *'Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him'*
(Jn.9:3)
- ✓ **They had too much passion for theology and not enough compassion for people. They missed the point of this encounter**
- ✓ **It's not *why* but *what*. Not where does suffering come from, but what can we do about it? 'I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world'** **(Jn.9:4-5)**
- ✓ **Jesus' method was not popular. Nor is the gospel**

2) To the neighbours he was, 'He who sat and begged'

- ✓ **They didn't even know his name**
- ✓ **Jesus defined the term 'neighbour'**
- ✓ **Who has God placed in your world?**
- ✓ **They couldn't find Jesus, so they brought the man to the Pharisees**
- ✓ **Don't mistake the institutional church for the true church. They have different agendas**
- ✓ **The true Church understands that its all about God and all about people**

3) To the Pharisees he was just a tool for their purposes

- ✓ **The man probably thought he was going to church to give a testimony. He soon discovered that he was just a tool for their purposes**
- ✓ **'Tell us; what did He do to you?' 'He healed on the Sabbath! That's what we wanted from you'**
- ✓ **They didn't believe he was blind because they didn't want to believe in Jesus (Lazarus)**
- ✓ **So they called his parents to verify that he was their son, that he was born blind and to ask how he was healed**

4) To his parents he was a threat to their social standing

- ✓ *'His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue' (Jn.9:20-22)*
- ✓ **They revered the system more than the truth**
- ✓ **Never forget our loyalty is to God not a religious system**
'Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God' (John 12:42). (E.g. Nicodemus)

Back to the Pharisees

- ✓ **If Jesus was rightfully acknowledged they would have to dismantle what they were building**
- ✓ **If Jesus isn't the focal point of a ministry, that ministry is doomed to failure**
- ✓ **They kept interrogating him. They had an opinion, but this man had a testimony! *'Once I was blind, but now I see!'***
- ✓ ***'Even if you were healed of blindness, this man is a sinner!'***
- ✓ ***'You say you don't know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes. This has never happened before! Who does that? God or Satan?'* **First case in Bible of a person blind from birth being healed.** *'The LORD opens the eyes of the blind' (Psa.146:8). 'Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped' (Isa.35:5).* **If Jesus was not from God, would God have endorsed Him? Why are His prayers answered?****

- ✓ *'They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out' (John 9:34)*
- ✓ **That's what organized religion does to those who refuse to play its game**
- ✓ **Jesus would never do that.** *'All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out' (Jn.6:37)*
- ✓ **Only Satan will be cast out.** *'Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out' (Jn.12:31) (same word)*
- ✓ **He couldn't worship in the Temple anymore, but it didn't matter because Jesus was not worshipped there**

- ✓ **God cannot be revealed institutionally; He can only be revealed personally.** *'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth'* (Jn.1:14)
- ✓ **Most people who are mad at the Church are not mad at God, but at religion**
- ✓ **In the next chapter (10) Jesus calls the Pharisees thieves, robbers and hirelings**
- ✓ **Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep.** *'As He passed by...' 'Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by'* (Jn. 8:59)

**There was an increasing awareness of
who Jesus is:**

Jesus is a man *'He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight'"* **(John 9:11)**

Jesus is a prophet *'They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet"* **(John 9:17)**

Jesus is my master 'He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"' (John 9:27)

Jesus is from God 'If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing"' (John 9:33)

Jesus is the Son of God 'He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him' (John 9:35-38)