

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**SO YOU MAY BELIEVE**

**John 9**

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**John's Purpose**

To help people **COME** to faith in Jesus Christ

And continue to **GROW** in that faith

*"The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue [come] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name." John 20:30-31*

**LAST WEEK: Who do you say He [Jesus] is?**

*"I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." John 8:12*

**PROBLEM:** When it comes to a relationship with Jesus, a lot of us want all the answers first, but Jesus wants us to step into the light first because...

We have BLIND SPOTS that prevent us from seeing Jesus for who He really is

**BLIND SPOT.** (1) a small area on the retina that is insensitive to light due to the interruption, where the optic nerve joins the retina, of the normal pattern of light-sensitive rods and cones; (2) an area or subject about which one is uninformed, prejudiced, or unappreciative; (3) an area in which radio or cell phone signals are weak and their reception poor; (4) any part of an auditorium, arena, or the like, in which a person is unable to see or hear satisfactorily; (5) an area to the side and slightly behind a driver's field of vision that is not reflected in the vehicle's rearview mirror. [www.dictionary.com]

All Scriptures references are from the New Living Translation of the Bible

**John wants us to SEE Jesus beyond our BLIND SPOTS**

1. The BLIND SPOTS of what we \_\_\_\_\_ we know  
*"As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind from birth. 'Rabbi,' his disciples asked him, 'why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?'" John 9:1-2*
2. The BLIND SPOTS of what we \_\_\_\_\_ know  
*"His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said he was, and others said, 'No, he just looks like him!' But the beggar kept saying, 'Yes, I am the same one!' They asked, 'Who healed you? What happened?'" John 9:8-10*
3. The BLIND SPOTS of what we \_\_\_\_\_ know  
*"Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, 'What's your opinion about this man who healed you?' The man replied, 'I think he must be a prophet.'" John 9:17*
4. The BLIND SPOTS of what we won't \_\_\_\_\_ we know  
*"His parents replied, 'We know this is our son and that he was born blind, but we don't know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had pronounced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. That's why they said, 'He is old enough. Ask him.'" John 9:20-23*
5. The BLIND SPOTS of what we \_\_\_\_\_ to know  
*"Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath.' Others said, 'But how could an ordinary sinner do so much miraculous signs?' So there was a deep division of opinion among them." John 9:16*

**We don't experience the world as it is. We experience the world as we are. When the Light of the World pierces our darkness, we discover...**

Faith isn't just a way of living;  
Faith is also a way of seeing