



THE SIGN OF HIS LIGHT

BIG IDEA: Only through Jesus can we truly see.

DATE: Sunday, February 15 and Wednesday, February 18, 2026

SCRIPTURE: John 9:1-11;30-33

OPENING QUESTION

When have you seen someone succeed despite what others might call a limitation? *What did they accomplish? How did it inspire you?*

SETTING THE STAGE

Today we come to the sixth sign or miracle that points to Jesus as being the long-awaited Messiah. Take a minute to recall what signs we have seen so far and what we learn about Jesus in each of them. Two of John's themes throughout this Gospel are darkness/light and blindness/sight. Both are in today's passage in John 9.

Our Lord performed miracles in order to meet human needs. But He also used those miracles as a "launching pad" for a message conveying spiritual truth. Finally, His miracles were His "credentials" to prove that He was indeed the Messiah. "The blind receive their sight" was one such messianic miracle (Matt. 11:5), and we see it demonstrated in this chapter. Jesus used this miracle as the basis for a short sermon on spiritual blindness (John 9:39-41).

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-11; 30-33 (CSB)

As he was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," Jesus answered. "This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him. ⁴We must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶After he said these things he spit on the ground, made some mud from the saliva, and spread the mud on his eyes. ⁷"Go," he told him, "wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means "Sent"). So he left, washed, and came back seeing. ⁸His neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit begging?" ⁹Some said, "He's the one." Others were saying, "No, but he looks like him." He kept saying, "I'm the one." ¹⁰So they asked him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So when I went and washed I received my sight."

³⁰This is an amazing thing!" the man told them. "You don't know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does his will, he listens to him. ³²Throughout history no one has ever heard of someone opening the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he wouldn't be able to do anything."

DISCUSSION

READ JOHN 9:1-5

What did Jesus mean by declaring Himself the light of the world?

How does Jesus's response to the disciples help us put suffering into perspective? Do you ever find yourself writing a story about someone you know nothing about?

READ JOHN 9:6-11

What are some ways Jesus opens our eyes to see?

Have you ever asked God to open your eyes and to see people the way He sees them? What happened?

In what ways are we sometimes spiritually blind and in need of healing?

READ JOHN 9:30-33

In what ways might we be vulnerable to false views of God if we don't keep our eyes on Jesus? Why are we sometimes hesitant to ask God for things only He can do?

When Jesus arrived on the scene, everything changed, and the man who had never seen God's beautiful creation or the faces of his loved ones, was made to see. However, the greatest miracle was not the opening of his eyes but the opening of his heart to the Savior. Only through Jesus can we *truly* see.

RESPONSE

We see the transformation this blind man undergoes – not just physically but spiritually. First, he calls Jesus "a man" (v. 11), then "a prophet" (v. 17) and he finally concludes Jesus had to be *from God*. His eyes are opened and in verse 38 we find him acknowledging that Jesus is Lord and worships Him for who He is. Where are you in this process? How do you see Jesus? And if your eyes have been opened, how are you being a light to others? Do you see Jesus as He sees them?

READING PLAN

2/15 – 2 Kings 25; 2/16 - Daniel 1; 2/17 - Daniel 2; 2/18 - Daniel 3; 2/19 - Daniel 6; 2/20 - Psalm 23; 2/21 - Psalm 126

Memory Verse: Psalm 23:4

