JESUS SAVES

JOHN 9:35-41

OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO JOHN'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 9. WE ARE AT THE END OF A MAGNIFICENT ENCOUNTER BETWEEN JESUS AND A BEGGAR BORN BLIND. JESUS CHOOSES TO GO TO HIM, ANOINT HIS EYES WITH MUD, AND TELLS HIM TO GO AND WASH IN THE POOL OF SILOAM. THIS MAN WAS NOT LOOKING FOR JESUS AND HE DID NOT KNOW JESUS. YET, HE OBEYED WHAT JESUS TOLD HIM TO DO AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE…HE COULD SEE. THIS FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF A REAL MIRACLE HAS SUCH A DEEP SPIRITUAL TRUTH THAT TRANSENDS TO THIS VERY DAY. WE WERE ALL SPIRITUALLY BLIND FROM BIRTH. BORN INTO SIN AND BLIND TO GOD'S TRUTH, WE TOO HAVE BEEN BEGGARS. JUST AS JESUS WENT TO THE BLIND BEGGAR, HE COMES TO US. SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT OF GRACE FROM A HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS GOD. HE'S NOT LOOKING FOR POLISHED PEOPLE. HE'S KNOWN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD WHO ALL HIS PEOPLE ARE. NO MATTER WHAT YOU'VE DONE OR WHERE YOU'VE BEEN, WHEN JESUS OPENS YOUR EYES, YOU'LL NEVER BE THE SAME. IN VERSE 8 THE PEOPLE WHO HAD SEEN HIM BLIND AND BEGGING SAID, "IS THIS THE SAME GUY?" IN VERSE 11 THE MAN GIVES HIS SIMPLE TESTIMONY, "JESUS TOUCHED ME, TOLD ME TO WASH, SO I WENT AND WASHED, AND THEN I COULD SEE." SO THEY GO TO THE PHARISEES (THE ONES WHO CLAIM TO KNOW GOD) TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED. PRIDE AND ARROGANCE PREVENTS THE ABILITY TO SEE GOD WITH SPIRITUAL EYES. SO, THESE PHARISEES, WHO ARE PRESENTED WITH THE MIRACULOUS WORKS OF JESUS, REJECT THE MAN AND HIS TESTIMONY AND THREW HIM OUT OF THE SYNAGOGUE. HE IS

NOW A SOCIAL OUTCAST. TODAY WE WILL SEE THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL TO FINISH WHAT HE STARTS IN US. HE ACCEPTS US AS WE ARE BUT DOESN'T LEAVE US THE WAY WE ARE.

John 9:35 New International Version

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

WHEN THE "POLISHED" RELIGIOUS LEADERS THREW HIM OUT, JESUS FINDS HIM. PEOPLE MAY GIVE UP ON YOU, BUT GOD NEVER WILL.

THERE IS A PROGRESSION OF FAITH HAPPENING. HE KNOWS JESUS IS A MAN, HE BELIEVES HE IS A PROPHET (FROM GOD) NOW JESUS IS GIVING THIS MAN UNDERSTANDING

SON OF MAN IS JESUS' FAVORITE WAY TO DESCRIBE HIMSELF BECAUSE HE RELATES TO HUMANITY

John 9:36 New International Version

36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

THERE IS HUMILITY AND DESPERATION IN HIS TONE

THIS IS A CONTRITE HEART AND A WILLINGNESS AND A HUNGER FOR GOD. NO ONE IS GOOD ENOUGH TO SAVE THEMSELVES

Matthew 5:8 New International Version

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

John 9:37 New International Version

37 Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

JESUS HEALED HIM WITH PHYSICAL SIGHT, NOW HE HEALS HIM WITH SPIRITUAL SIGHT

Matthew 7:7-8 New International Version

7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **8** For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

John 9:38 New International Version

38 Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

THIS MAN HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO SAVING FAITH. RELIGION KICKED HIM OUT. JESUS SOUGHT HIM OUT

THE PHRASE “SEEING IS BELIEVING” IS TRUE. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT EYES YOU’RE TALKING ABOUT. THE ONLY WAY WE WILL EVER “SEE” GOD IS WITH SPIRITUAL EYES GIVEN TO US BY HIM

REMEMBER, THIS MAN FIRST HEARD JESUS AND OBEYED BEFORE HE COULD SEE ANYTHING. HE STILL HAS NO DEGREE IN THEOLOGY

Romans 10:17 New International Version

17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

DO YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO KNOW GOD TODAY? OR ARE YOU TO BUSY LIVING LIFE?

John 9:39 New International Version

39 Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

JESUS DOES NOT CONTRADICT HIMSELF

John 3:17 New International Version

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

JESUS IS SAYING HE IS THE FORK IN THE ROAD. THE EVIDENCE OF HIS DIVINITY WITH HIS MIRACLES AND AMAZING TEACHINGS POINT DIRECTLY TO THE TRUTH. HE IS GOD THE SON. THE JUDGEMENT IS ALREADY PLACED ON THOSE WHO REJECT THE GOSPEL. THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST.

THOSE WHO THINK THEY CAN SEE WILL STAY SPIRITUALLY BLIND (JUDICIAL HARDENING OF THE HEART). THOSE WHO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY ARE BLIND BEGGARS SPIRITUALLY WILL SEE GOD

JESUS SAVES PEOPLE BY TRUTH, LOVE, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Matthew 5:3 New International Version

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

ALL WHO HAVE EARS TO HEAR, LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS TELLING YOU TODAY!!

John 9:40-41 New International Version

40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

41 Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

CHURCH, DON'T EVER BE A RELIGIOUS, SELF RIGHTEOUS, HARD HEARTED, PHARISEE

LET THE WORD OF GOD BREAK YOUR HEART AND YOUR PRIDE. RECEIVE THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT OF FORGIVENESS AND SALVATION. BELIEVE ON JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR. LET GO OF YOUR LIFE AND GIVE IT TO HIM TODAY!!

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