

## DO YOU KNOW HIM?

"I Saw the Light"

John 9:1-12

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Jesus is - "*The Light of the World.*"

a) The Light of the world was **prophesied** in the Old Testament.

1) *Malachi 4:2*

a. The sun of righteousness

2) *Isaiah 9:2, 6*

b) **Rabbinically** - O.T. Rabbi's taught that when Messiah came He would bring light.

c) **Celestially** - Messiah would be identified by a star.

1) *Numbers 24:17*

2) Cf. *Matthew 2:1-2*

d) **Angelically** - The announcement

1) *Luke 2:8-9*

a. Gk "*perilampo*" - means to illuminate

2. John then introduces Jesus in his Gospel:

a) **John 1:1**

b) **John 7,8,9,10** - all deal with the "*Feast of Tabernacles*"

1) It was a time of remembering what God had done for the nation when they were set free from bondage in Egypt.

2) The people would build booths out of limbs, branches and brush and camp in them all week long.

3) **There were two rituals that the Jews would perform:**

a. **The Ritual of Water**

- Where they would take a pitcher of water from the pool of Siloam and pour in on the ground around the alter.
- To remember God's provision of water for them and their crops while on their journey to the promise land.

b. **The Ritual of The Grand Illumination**

- They would light these 75 ft high candelabras that were located in the Court of the Women.

- They would light literally hundreds of Menorah's in the Temple.

3. **VERY IMPORTANT:** When Jesus did this it was a proclamation that He was a fulfillment of what was prophesied - Prophetically, Rabbinically, Celestially, and Angelically.

4. Vs 48-59

5. John 3:16-21

6. The "*Light of the World*" will give sight to the blind man.  
a) Cf. *John 20:30*

7. We are not sinners because we sin...we sin because we are sinners!!!!  
a) This man did not come to Jesus...Jesus came to him.  
b) **FACT:** Blind men cannot come to the **LIGHT**.

#### FOUR MOVEMENTS HERE IN THESE VERSES

#### I. MAN IN THE DARK

1. Vs 1

a) "*As he passed by*"

b) 8:58-59

2. *1 Corinthians 2:14*

3. *2 Corinthians 4:4*

#### II. BROUGHT IN THE LIGHT

1. Vs 2

2. *Exodus 20:5*

3. **What does that verse mean?**

a) It means that the sins of fathers, leaders, and government commit, that define their generation can be so influential that they can't be reversed and rooted for generations to come.

4. Vs 3

a) **Answer:** He's blind for the glory of God.

He's blind so that the power of God would be on display.

5. Vs 4a

a) **"We must work the works of him who sent me"**

b) **John 5:17**

6. Vs 4b

a) Notice what he says: **"night is coming when no man can work"**

b) **"night"** - here refers to death.

7. "We must work the works of Him who sent Me...while it is day" - **"LIFE."**

8. **Ephesians 5:16**

a) Time is short so **"we"** must clean up our lives.

9. Vs 5

**III. GAINING SIGHT**

1. Vs 6-7

2. Why did Jesus go it this way?

3. Vs 6

a) **"made mud"**

4. Vs 7

a) **"Siloam"** - is the same place they got water for the ritual of water.

5. Why does he do this?

a) He's being transformed. Regenerated!!!

6. Cf. Vs 38

a) **"He said, "Lord, I believe" and he worshiped him"**

7. The Pool of Siloam is fed from the Spring of Gihon.

a) **"Siloam"** - means **"sent"** - because it was sent from Gihon.

8. Cf. 7:38

#### **IV. GIVING TESTIMONY**

##### **A. TO HIS NEIGHBORS**

1. Vs 8-9

##### **B. TO THE MULTITUDE**

1. Vs 10-12

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. This is an incredible story of the healing of the blind man and the process of Salvation.
  - a) We are blinded by sin
  - b) Jesus comes to us in our blindness
  - c) And in a simple act of faith Jesus gives us sight