

## CCC JESUS CAME TO MAKE US SEE Part 4

### What Jesus Came to Do

**Welcome:**

**Offering Basket:** Explanation of Giving

**Message:** What do you want Jesus Christ to do for you?

That's the question that He constantly asked people as He walked around in ministry. He'd look them right in the eye and He would say "What do you want Me to do for you?"

So my question to you this morning is, "What do you want Jesus Christ to do for you? If He were to come in here right now and sit down and look you right in the eye and ask you that question what do you want Him to do? What would you say, what would you ask Him?"

These last few weeks we've been looking together at what Jesus Christ came to do in this world. We found out that although Jesus was the best teacher that ever walked this earth the main thing that He came to do was not to teach. Although Jesus did some incredible miracles – He didn't center what He came to do around those miracles that He completed.

Jesus Christ came first and foremost to change peoples' lives. That's what He came to do. He came to give freedom to people who felt trapped, who felt empty, who were thirsty as we saw last week. Jesus came to give forgiveness to those of us who feel guilty. He came to give a future to those of us who feel hopeless.

Today were going to look into John 9 and see something else Jesus came to do, we're going to look at

how He comes to bring light to dark places. We're going to look at the story of a man who was born blind. All of his life he couldn't see. All of his life he suffered from physical darkness and inability to see. And Jesus Christ comes into his life and helps him to not only see physically but also to see spiritually. As we look at the story of this man's life, in the first few verses of John 9 we will see that Jesus healed his physical blindness. But He takes the rest of the chapter to do something even more important – to heal his spiritual blindness, to help him to truly see for the first time in his life. This story of this man is really the story of how God can help you see something you've never seen before. It's really the story of how God works the process of faith into our lives.

**Read John 9**

Before we go any further... I want to make this real for you, to make this most beneficial for you – I want you finish the sentence in your notes: “**I'd love to be able to see \_\_\_\_\_**” that's yours to fill in. What would you love to be able to see God do in your life? To benefit from this you have to put yourself in the place of this blind man. He was born blind. All of his life he had been unable to see. He had been probably a beggar all of his life because of this. That's what happened in that culture, that society at that time. And don't you think that every day of his life, at least once, he must have thought, “What would it be like if I could see? What would it be like? How would my life be different? How would things change for me if only I could see? But I can't.”

What would you love to see? In a spiritual sense?  
In a personal sense? What would you love to see?  
Things that you want but you just can't see how they can possibly happen. Maybe its "I'd love to see my marriage getting better. I can't see it – I admit it. But I'd love to be able to see it."

"I'd love to see myself as a person of faith. Other people talk about it so easily. I just can't see it in my life. I'd like to be able to see it but I can't."

"I'd love to see my life used by God... I'd love to see myself filled with joy... I'd love to see me reconciling with my kids, with a friend." What would you love to be able to see? Write it down and when you do it will make this message real.

Four things happened to this man. After Jesus helped him to see, four things happened that helped faith come into his life and these same four things need to happen in our lives to be able to see.

### **1. Break through either/or thinking.**

In John 9:2 Jesus' disciples revealed this kind of thinking when they walked by this man that was born blind and they asked Jesus a question: "*Rabbi, who sinned? This man or his parents that he was born blind?*" Either this man sinned or his parents sinned – that's the only option the disciples had in their human mind. They had grown up with the belief that all sickness is the result of a person's sin and if a person was sick they must have done something wrong. Their thinking trapped

them into seeing this man's situation as totally hopeless. That's what either/or thinking does. It traps us. A lot of you are aware of either/or thinking in your life. You come to a place in your life where you say it is, "Either this or this," because you don't see another option which could open everything up. You're feeling trapped in this situation. Trapped in a bad marriage, trapped with bad kids, trapped in a bad life, trapped in bad finances... And you start asking questions like, "Why me? What did I do to deserve this? Where is God when I need Him?"

Look at what Jesus had to say about either/or thinking. John 9:3 "*Jesus said, 'You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame. There's no such cause/effect here. Look instead for what God can do.'*" That's how you break through either/or thinking.

By looking instead for what God can do. This blind man heard what Jesus and His disciples were talking about and Jesus walks up to the man and begins to talk to him, He begins to invite the blind man to look at life in a different way then he has been looking at it for his entire life... Jesus says there is a different way of looking at life, a different kind of faith. The first step is you break through either/or thinking then we see that the blind man takes the second step of faith.

## **2. Ask Jesus to help you.**

Ask Him to help you with the struggles of your life. This man's struggle was with blindness. As we saw in John 9:7 Jesus told the man "*Go and wash in the pool of Siloam*" So the man went and washed and he came back *seeing*." Look at how the miracle started. Jesus said, I

want you to do something very ordinary. I want you to walk through streets that you have walked through before, and wash your eyes like you've washed your eyes before and chance are in the same pool he has also washed before in. That's where miracles always start. They always start when somebody does something very ordinary in obedience to God. God says Do this. It seems like an ordinary thing. You do it and a miracle happens. Are you willing to do something ordinary that says in a real way "I am depending on God for this one. Not on me but on God."

An ordinary start for you might be making a phone call. That's what you are feeling in your heart right now to do. I need to phone this person to restore this relationship. An ordinary start for you might be praying for something

again for the first time in years. It might be going to see a doctor or counselor. It might be beginning to give even when you don't have enough to give. When you make that step – that ordinary first step that allows God to begin to do the miracle of helping you... I want to tell you the first thing you're going to think. It's the first thing all of us think. It's most likely the first thing that this man thought. Jesus sends him on this journey down to get healing at the pool and I'd just guess the first thing he thought was like the rest of us would, "This isn't going to work! It's not going to work. When you make that phone call, when you write that letter, when you begin that prayer, don't be surprised if the first thought in your mind is "It's not going to work." It's amazing how God can take the smallest step of faith even with doubtful people

and make incredible differences in our lives and through our lives in that. Your first is, “It isn’t going to work,” but when you take that first step of faith you give God a chance to work. And it’s incredible what He does when you take that first step.

Although God does help us and love us, He wants more for us than that. That’s the rest of the story of this man. He doesn’t leave after he begins to see physically. Jesus wants him to see spiritually. He wants to give him a different kind of faith and God wants each of us to see spiritually.

If you want to have that kind of faith. If you want to have the kind of faith that really brings a new kind of joy into your life you’re going to face another barrier immediately. The kind of barrier that this man faced. He

begins to see. He goes back to the people he had been around all of his life and if you want to build faith you’ve got to...

### **3. Look past what others cannot see.**

He’s healed. He goes back to those who for all of his life had watched him beg. He’d heard their voices and for the first time he sees them. They point at him and say, “That can’t be the guy. There’s never been a guy who’s been born blind and now he can see. That’s impossible, It can’t be him. It looks like him but it can’t be him.” **The people said**, *“Some said he’s the one. Other’s said no, he only looks like him. The man himself said, ‘I’m the man.’”* John 9:9 Instead of everyone rejoicing that now he can see he’s having to argue with them into the fact that he’s had this incredible miracle happen in his life.

There's always people around to tell you, you should doubt. You should not believe. You should not have faith. There's always people around to tell you, you may as well stay in the dark because the light is impossible.

Reconciliation in your marriage? That's Impossible.

Faith in God? It'll never happen for you. The God who created everything personally loves and cares for you? That's a fairy tale, they'll tell you.

Forgiveness, freedom from guilt? That's not real. Friends there's always people who are negative, they say, "That could never happen for you." Don't let the past blind you to the possibilities of God. Don't let other people's voices blind you to what God can do. It is possible with God.

I want you to see something here. The Jewish leaders wouldn't even believe that he had been blind. They couldn't believe that this miracle had even happened. They tried to write it off. They argued with this man that it hadn't happened. They threatened to throw him out of the church and eventually they did throw him out of the church because he said that Jesus had made him see.

What am I saying here, In order to look past what others cannot see you and I have to have a different kind of faith. The kind of faith that this man had... I love his answer to everyone. John 9:25 "*One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see.*" That is a classic answer. He said you can shout about it all you want but here I am. I was blind my whole life... but now I see. You can't say anything else about that. All your explanations can't

change the fact, no matter how tightly you close your eyes, the truth is, it's still light outside and I can see. I once was blind but now I see.

I wonder what you could say there, The blind man said, I once was blind but now I see. What is it for you?

I once was \_\_\_\_\_ but now I \_\_\_\_\_

Maybe it is: I once was bitter but now I'm joyful.

I once was without hope but now I have hope.

I once was hateful but now I'm full of love. What is it for you? As you fill that in as you share it with people that are around you there's no better way to let them know that Jesus Christ is real then by saying I once was \_\_\_\_\_ but now I'm \_\_\_\_\_. You maybe here today and your saying you know Bill, "I haven't really come to know Him in that kind of a way

yet. But I want to know. How does this kind of faith happen in a person's life?"

#### **4. Trust Jesus to save you.**

For a lot of us that word makes no sense, save. When we think of Jesus saving people what do we think of? What does that mean? Jesus puts money in my bank account so I will have it for retirement? Is that what Jesus saves? What does that mean, Jesus saves?

Maybe nobody's taken the time to explain to you what those words mean. It comes from the Bible it's a word for salvation "Jesus saves". What it means is Jesus rescues us... It means Jesus restores us. Like a lifeguard would save a drowning man or woman. Jesus saves us. He rescues us. Saves me from what? From the things we've done in our lives that have brought struggle and

heartache into our lives. From the sins in our lives that have separated us from God. He saves us from them. And He restores us. He restores us to the kind of relationship with God that we were created for. That's what Jesus saves means. He rescues us from all that it means to be without Him and He restores us to that relationship with God that we were meant to have.

We live in a real world with real struggles with real difficulties, with real problems. And real faith is putting faith in the real God in that real world and finding that even when I don't understand it all He is there to give me the strength and encouragement that I need.

John 9:38 *"Yes Lord the man said, 'I believe.' And he worshipped Jesus."* That's what Jesus was working to do. How does that happen? How do you make that step

of commitment? How do we say, *"Yes Lord, 'I believe.'* *And then worship Jesus."* How do you trust Jesus to save you? Just simply call out to him.

Let us Prayer: If you're thinking as we're talking about seeing "That's what I need to do. I see who Jesus is and I'm willing to admit that I need light in my life that only He can bring. Then today commit your life to Him. Ask Jesus to do what only He can do. Pray a prayer something like this. The words aren't that important. It's really the attitude of your heart that's important. Say to Jesus Christ, "Jesus, I see today more clearly than I've ever seen before my need to trust in You. I need Your forgiveness and I need Your guidance. I want a relationship with You. I ask You to save me Jesus. I ask You to rescue me from the things that I struggle with and the sins that get me down and the sense of hopelessness that I have about the future. Rescue me. And I ask You to restore me to that relationship with You that brings joy and direction to my life. I pray this in Your name, Jesus. Amen."

Message Notes

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### What Jesus Came to Do Part 4

Read John 9 – God's process of building faith

I'd love to be able to see: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. BREAK THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_ THINKING

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*“Jesus said, ‘You’re asking the wrong question. You’re looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do.’”*  
John 9:3 (Message)

#### II. ASK JESUS \_\_\_\_\_

*“Then He told the man, ‘Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam.’ (Siloam means Sent.) So the man went, washed, and came back seeing.”* John 9:7 (NCV)

#### III. LOOK PAST \_\_\_\_\_ CANNOT SEE

The people said:  
*“Some said, ‘He is the one,’ but others said, ‘No, he only looks like him.’ The man himself said, ‘I am the man.’”* John 9:9

The man said:

*“One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”* John 9:25

I once was \_\_\_\_\_

But now I \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. TRUST JESUS \_\_\_\_\_

*“‘Yes, Lord,’ the man said, ‘I believe!’ And he worshipped Jesus.”* John 9:38 (TLB)

*“Then Jesus told him, ‘I have come into the world to give sight to those who are spiritually blind...’”* John 9:39 (TLB)