

Conversations With Jesus

Man Born Blind

At the center of what we preach and teach is that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. The salvation of sinners involves the gift of new life. The gift of new life is something akin to....

Being blind and then being able to see.
Being dead and then being made alive.
Being lost and then found.
Being powerless and then infused with power through the HS.
Being a sinner and then becoming a saint.
Having no hope and then being filled with hope.

Jesus put Kingdom transformation on display through the working of miracles. We've been reminding ourselves each week in this series that when Jesus was here, He was God Incarnate.
Jesus gives a look at what happens when God is present in our world.

When Jesus simply shows up and does His thing – lives are radically changed. The gospel of John records seven signs, or miracles to demonstrate the transformation power that is in Jesus. A sign points to something greater than itself. ***The miracle is great, but the worker of the miracle is even greater.***

This man's physical blindness is representative of his spiritual blindness. We can even take that one step further. This man's physical blindness is representative of OUR greatest problem - spiritual blindness. The ability of God to give spiritual sight to people who are spiritually blind is demonstrated by Jesus in His ability to give physical sight to someone who was physically blind.

*Giving this man his sight was a great miracle.
Giving this man a new life was an even greater miracle.*

According to the religious leaders, Jesus did two things wrong on the Sabbath:
He made mud. He gave a man sight.
Both of those represent work, which you are not supposed to do on the Sabbath.

In making mud and healing on the Sabbath, Jesus judged the religious leaders and their rules. This was judgment according to the words of Jesus in John 9:39. In essence, Jesus said, *I don't like your rules because your rules were written out of spiritual blindness. You don't know God. You don't know God's Word. You don't care about God's people.*

When Jesus speaks into the reality of our spiritual condition, unbelief is revealed.
When Jesus calls people to faith, not all will respond in faith and leave their unbelief.
When Jesus demonstrates who He is, not all will accept who He is.
When Jesus gives powerful evidence of His deity, not all will accept that evidence.

To be clear, the mission of Jesus is not primarily to judge but to save. The mission of Jesus which is to save, ultimately confirms the blindness and unbelief that had been there all along. The physical transformation of this man is a demonstration of God's ability to transform the lives of people totally, wholly and completely.

Naturally, we are spiritually blind. Miraculously, God can make us see.