

# THE EYES OF FAITH

John 9:35-41

Introduction:

## 1. The Eyes of Jesus

A) Jesus sees that the formerly blind man has been “cast out” by the religious leaders

> This man’s day has been pretty amazing ... and confusing

B) Jesus sees a man abandoned by religion but loved by God

> The formerly blind man doesn’t need to be restored to religion – but to God

Jesus isn’t concerned about getting the man back in the good graces of the Pharisees

Jesus is all about getting the man to see the grace of God ... revealed in Jesus

## 2. The Eyes of the Formerly Blind Man

A) He can see with his physical eyes, but what about his spiritual eyes?

> What has he already seen spiritually?

We know that he has seen that Jesus is a prophet (John 9:17)

We know that he has seen that Jesus has God’s approval (John 9:27-33)

We know that he has seen the blindness and ugliness of the religious leaders

> But has he seen who Jesus really is and why He came?

Jesus question: Do you believe in the Son of Man? (John 9:35b-36)

The Old Testament promise concerning the Son of Man (Daniel 7:13-14)

The significance of Jesus being the Son of Man (John 3:13-15; 5:24-27; 6:25-29)

> The formerly blind man’s question reveals his heart

Who is He **that I may believe in Him** (John 9:36)

> Jesus now opens his spiritual eyes to see the truth

You have seen Him (John 9:37a)

He is talking to you right now (John 9:37b)

B) His “spiritual” eyes now see the truth right in front of him

> He sees that Jesus who healed him is the Son of Man ... “Lord, I believe”

> He honors Jesus the Son of Man ... He worshipped Jesus

People who say that they believe but do not honor Jesus haven’t really seen Him

C) Jesus helps us to see the spiritual significance of this great miracle (John 9:39)

> The effect, not the purpose, of Jesus coming was judgment

### 3. The Eyes of the Pharisees

A) They see that Jesus is making a significant indictment about them

> Are you saying that we are blind? (John 9:40)

B) Jesus reveals the consequences of their errant diagnosis

> If you were blind – knowing you can’t see spiritually, you would have no sin

> But because you say, “we see” your sin remains

\* An amazing story - It begins with Jesus revealing that a man was blind, not because of his sin or his parents’ sin, but in order to reveal the works of God

It ends with Jesus revealing that the religious leaders’ spiritual blindness is the result of their sin

They refuse to believe the work of God revealed in Jesus the Son of Man

This morning we remember and celebrate another miracle

Not only was the Son of Man lifted up on a cross and buried in the ground

He was raised the third day, was seen by many who testified, “He is risen!”

No surprise, there were some who still refused to believe (Matthew 27:62-66; 28:11-15)

Do you believe Jesus is the Son of Man? Are you worshipping Him?