

John # 149 “Explaining The Unexplainable” *John 9:1-12*

**The Apostle John’s Gospel is not simply a historical account or a genealogy of Jesus, it’s an evangelistic argument for leading people to the Lord Jesus Christ, Israel’s Messiah, the world’s only Savior.**

And John keeps on showing us that the Lord Jesus continually leaves His business card related to His deity everywhere He goes; His business card being the signs and words to follow that He openly shares with all around Him.

*But the self-righteous religious Pharisees keep trying to influence His countrymen to reject Him.*

**Jesus’ disciples, like Job’s friends, had a mistaken view of suffering.**

As we often simply cannot know the cause or causes of someone’s suffering, we should never speculate as to what they are.

*Only God knows all things and His Son is the One Who suffered the penalty of our sins for us; so suffering’s cause is their call.*

The Lord Jesus brought sight to the blind man in our story and He is the One Who brought spiritual sight to us who were blinded by sin; He shows us that our relationship with God is NOT due to our own good works but the work of God in and through His Son, Jesus Christ.

**As light reveals the condition of a man’s physical eyesight, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, reveals the condition of a man’s soul.**

If there were no light, one wouldn’t know if he was blind or not.

*The Lord Jesus came to show people that they were blind and didn’t know it.*

In John 9:39, the Light of the world reveals the condition of the Pharisees’ souls.

The Lord Jesus gave His life for His enemies and we are to share His life with His enemies!

*JOHN 8 cf JOHN 9*

**Through the eyes of a blind man, man is forced to see Jesus and decide whether to respond to Him or react from Him.**

**The greatest miracle of John 9 is not the opening of this man’s eyes but the opening of his blackened soul.**

We are healed in one of four ways: 1. Naturally 2. Professionally 3. Psychologically 4. Divinely

*This blind man parallels the human race; he’s born physically blind and we’re born spiritually blind and both with hope without divine intervention.*

And just as this blind beggar was given physical sight to see the Jerusalem sunrise and sunset, the sea and the mountains, the birds flying overhead and his loved ones, all of which

**he only heard before, we were given the spiritual sight to see the Lord Jesus, His magnificent Person, His wondrous works and His living truth so that we may be free indeed!**