



March 29, 2020
SERMON NOTES
John 9:1-22, 24-30, 33-34



I. Introduction/review

- A. We want God to do something truly spectacular, like a miraculous _____, that would prove He exists.
- B. John organizes his account of Jesus' life around events that he calls _____.

II. Fifth Sign: Healing of a blind man

- A. Jesus teaches that pain and suffering can actually be used for a divine _____.
- B. The blind man chose to trust someone he could not _____ based on rumors about that person.
- C. Jesus is operating outside the boundaries of the Pharisees God _____; therefore, they believe that He cannot possibly be from God.
- D. Many of us want to understand everything before we _____ anything.

III. I was blind and now I see

- A. Our unwillingness to look beyond our God box makes us look a little bit like the religious _____ in the story.
- B. Perhaps God is _____ than you thought He was. Perhaps God is bigger than you were taught He was.
- C. It's okay to be wrong. It's okay not to know. It's not okay not to look if there's something to be _____.

Things I would like to remember about this message

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

There are many products we buy, use, and put our confidence in without having all the information or fully understanding how they work. In the Gospel of John, we see a man begin to follow Jesus based on limited information. This man, who was born blind, said he only knew one main thing—and that one thing was enough to make him curious about who Jesus really was.

Monday: John 10:24-29

Thomas needed to see proof before he believed Jesus was resurrected. Give some examples of proof people would like to have before believing in God. What are some things people put full trust in without having all the information?

Tuesday: John 9:1-20

- What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe this actually happened?
 - In verse 2, there was an assumption that sin and suffering were connected. Were you raised to believe that?
 - In verse 3, Jesus said purpose can be found in the lifelong suffering of the blind man. How does it resonate with you that suffering might have a purpose?
 - Similar to the sign from John 5, Jesus seems to violate the Sabbath tradition held by the Pharisees. Why does John continue to mention this?
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Wednesday: John 9:24-25

In this passage, the blind man says, "Here's the one thing I know, I was blind and now I see." How does what the man said remind you of something that happened in your own life?

Thursday: James 1:1-13

Think of a season of your life that was difficult through no fault of your own. You may be in one currently. Is there something about that season God used (or could use) to shape your faith? If so, what?

Friday: Colossians 1:9-10

This is Paul's prayer for the Christians in Colossae. He is praying that they continue to grow in their faith. In which of these aspects of your faith journey would you like your "eyes opened" more? Explain.

Hope • Joy • Love • Forgiveness • Contentment • Peace • Understanding • Patience

MOVING FORWARD

It's okay to be wrong. It's okay not to know. But it's not okay not to look if there's something to be seen.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) healing, B) signs. IIA) purpose, B) see, C) box, D) believe. IIIA) leaders, B) bigger, C) seen.