

# Jesus, light of the world, gives sight to the blind

- This is the last of the seven **signs** in John's gospel which point to who Jesus is and how He can change our lives
- Each **sign** takes the form of a “miracle with a message”, a sign of God's authority, power, love and saving grace through Jesus
- The purpose of a **sign** is an aid to understanding which invites a simple response like that of a child
- Once the message conveyed by the **sign** has been understood, we need to *trust and obey* to receive the promised blessing

*These (miraculous signs) are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. John 20:31*



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*And God said, "Let there be **light**," and there was **light**. God saw that the **light** was good.... John 1: 3*

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness... Genesis 1: 1-2*

*In the beginning was the Word ... In Him was life, and that life was the **light** of men. The **light** shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. John 1: 4-5*

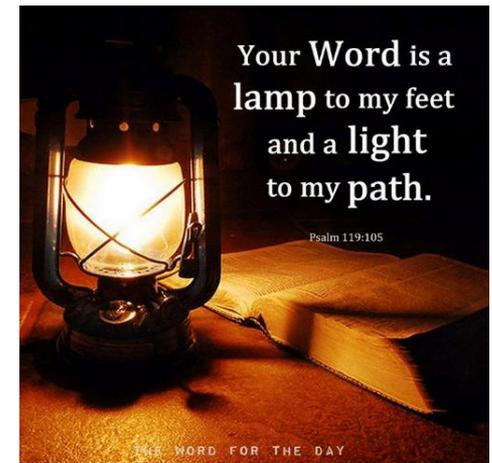


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*I am the **light** of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the **light** of life. John 8: 12*

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a **light** for my path. Psalm 119*

*The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of **light**. Matthew 6: 22*



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Distractions that can keep us from seeing the truth

- Futile speculation
- Experience of suffering or injustice
- Influence of those around us
- Preconceived ideas
- Fruitless arguments
- Angry responses
- Arrogance
- Self-righteousness
- Fear

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- The man born blind grasps the opportunity
- He responds in simple faith to the word of Jesus
- He washed his eyes in the pool & came home seeing
- He recounts the events to others & to the Pharisees
- He sees Jesus as a prophet & presents a challenge
- *Do you want to become his disciples too? v27*
- *One thing I do know, I was blind but now I see! v25*

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- This man was born physically **blind**
- We are all spiritually **blind** until born again
- The man accepts the invitation to follow Jesus
- He is honest and humble, admitting his need
- Humility and openness to God = discipleship
- The Pharisees have hardened their hearts
- They remain spiritually **blind** and unteachable

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What can we learn from this encounter?

- *I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlight<sup>e</sup>ned in order that you may know the hope ..., the riches ..., His incomparably great power for us who believe. Eph 1: 18-19*
- *You are the light of the world ..... Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5: 14-16*
- Respond in simple faith to the call of **Jesus**
- Be ready to invite **Jesus** into any situation
- Pray for more of His mighty power to shine through us
- Look for what God is doing around us and join in  
*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see **Jesus** .....*