

THE LIFE OF
JESUS

Message 20
Blindness

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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on *The Life of Jesus* – Reading 112

He answered, "...One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I can see!"

John 9:25 (HCSB)

A. Introduction

(John 9:1-41. C/R: Isaiah 42:7; 43:8)

B. Receiving spiritual sight...

(John 9:8-41)

1. Rouses _____.

(John 9:8-34)

2. Results in _____.

(John 9:35-38)

3. Requires admitting _____.

(John 9:39-41)

Answers: 1. resistance 2. worship 3. blindness

Resource Information: Outline and onscreen verses are from HCSB version (Holman Christian Standard Bible) of *The Holy Bible*. Our resource book for this series is *The Life of Jesus, A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels*, which is available in the Bookstore. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to help you pursue a relationship with Jesus. Talk with God as you work your way through these thoughts and questions. Be attentive to what He is saying and how He is leading.

Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.
God's plan is that we pursue Jesus together!

Conversation Starter

Describe a time someone came alongside and helped you.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [John 9:1-12](#) (The beginning of Reading #112 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. Why do you think the disciples concluded the man's blindness was the result of sin? What does this reveal about their view of God? What does this reveal about how they looked at people?
2. In simple terms, what does Jesus say is the reason for the man's blindness? What is your response to that explanation?
3. Was there any particular purpose for Jesus healing with dirt and spit?
4. How did neighbors and friends respond? Why weren't they more excited?

Read [John 9:13-34](#) (continuing Reading #112 in *The Life of Jesus*).

5. Why were the Pharisees so unwilling to accept that Jesus came from God? ([vs. 34](#) sheds light on this. See also [John 3:19-21](#); [Revelation 3:15-19](#))
6. What are signs someone is full of spiritual pride?
7. Why were the parents afraid?
8. Have you ever been hesitant or afraid to share your beliefs about Jesus? Describe the situation. Why were you afraid?

Read [John 9:35-41](#) (continuing Reading #112 in *The Life of Jesus*).

9. Why do you think the man believes, yet the Pharisees remain unbelieving? What made the difference? What might be needed, then, for your own faith to grow?
10. The man believed and responded in worship (vs. 38). What does true worship look like and feel like?
11. How would you summarize [John 9:39-41](#)? See also [1 John 1:5-10](#).
12. What part of this study do you feel is most important for you right now?

Soul Training

Share something you're learning or struggling to learn with at least one person this week.

Memory Verse

As He was passing by, He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples questioned Him: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man sinned nor his parents," Jesus answered. "This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him."

[John 9:1-3 \(HCSB\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
May 29	112		John 9:1-41
May 30	113		John 10:1-21
May 31	114		Luke 10:1-24
June 1	115		Luke 10:25-37
June 2	116		Luke 10:38-42

Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, June 4, we'll hear Jesus' warning about being deceived and learn how to walk in the truth. Read [Luke 12:1-12](#), Reading #121 in *The Life of Jesus*.



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