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New Testament 2
Jesus Shows He Is True God

Law/Gospel

Sin has blinded my eyes so that I cannot see or believe in Jesus.

In His Word and Sacraments, Jesus gives me eyes of faith so that I can believe in Him as my Savior and trust His love for me.

Bible Words

Though I was blind, now I see.
John 9:25

Messianic Prophecies and Fulfillments

Isaiah 42:1, 6-7: Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. . . . I am the LORD; I have called You in righteousness; I will take You by the hand and keep You; I will give You as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Luke 3:22: The Holy Spirit descended on [Jesus] in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

John 9:5: [Jesus said,] "I am the light of the world."

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

John 9

Never before had anyone given sight to someone born blind. But Jesus did. His act of mercy convicted some and confounded many.

Right before this, Jesus had a major conflict with the Pharisees in the temple. Jesus proclaimed His preexistence and deity, saying, "Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58). Aghast, the Pharisees accused Jesus of blasphemy and tried to stone Him, but He escaped.

Near the temple, Jesus passed a beggar, blind from birth. The disciples asked who had sinned to deserve this curse, the man or his parents. Jesus said neither, but the man was blind so "that the works of God might be displayed in him" (John 9:3). Jesus spit on the ground, made mud, and put it on the man's eyes. He told the man to wash in the pool of Siloam.

The man washed and came back seeing. Neighbors saw him and asked what happened. When he told them about Jesus, they took the man to the Pharisees for an official opinion. The Pharisees did not believe the man had been blind or that Jesus had given him sight.

They sent for his parents, who confirmed his blindness but could not tell how he changed. Angrily, the Pharisees brought the man back and grilled him again. They argued about who Jesus was and how He did this. The man testified that the miracle showed Jesus was from God.

Furious, the Pharisees insulted the man and threw him out, probably taking away his rights to attend the synagogue and temple.

Jesus found the man and asked if he believed in the Son of Man (a messianic name). The man asked who the Son of Man was. Jesus said He was speaking to him. The man replied, "Lord, I believe" and worshiped Him.

Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind" (v. 39). Some Pharisees heard Him and asked, "Are we blind?" Jesus said if they were, they would have no guilt, but since they claimed to see, their guilt remained.

The Pharisees refused to acknowledge their sin and need for a Savior. Only those who understand the blindness of sin can see their need for Jesus.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, open our eyes so that we can see Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

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