

John 9

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JESUS GIVES SIGHT TO A MAN BORN BLIND

This section in John's Gospel is one of my favorites and difficult for me to just choose one or a couple. This story is filled with lessons from so many directions and points of view. Jesus used many metaphors to explain who he was and why he came. "I am the way, I am the light, I am the door, I am the good shepherd."

Which of these metaphors means the most to you?

Chapter 9 is all about the healing of a man born with blindness. John shows us how this proves that Jesus is God and the Messiah, the Son of God. He also shows us the blindness of the super-religious Jews and their unbelief.

The Characteristics of unbelief are very clear:

1. Unbelief Sets us up for false standards.
2. Unbelief always wants more evidence but it's never enough.
3. Unbelief does its research on a biased subjective basis.
4. Unbelief is always about self.

As I read this story I'm struck by the obvious misconceptions and how they lead to ignorant questions and only selfish motives.

Have you ever experienced this when presenting the gospel?

Lord, help our unbelief. Give us grace and mercy as we interact with a world that is blinded by the evil one. Help us to be planters and waterers and to leave the harvest to you.