



Encountering Christ II
Believing Is Seeing, John 9
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THE 1ST ENCOUNTER:

What They Saw:

- The Disciples saw a _____
- Jesus saw a _____

¹ As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. John 9:1 (ESV)

What They Said:

- Disciples: Who's _____

² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, **who sinned**, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" John 9:2 (ESV)

- Jesus – God is _____

³ Jesus answered, "It was **not** that this man sinned, or his parents, but **that the works of God might be displayed in him**. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. John 9:3-4 (ESV)

What It Means:

- 1) God is _____ for my sins.

...² "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish... ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." Luke 13:1-5 (ESV)

²⁰ The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself. Ezekiel 18:20 (ESV)

THE REACTION:

- 1) God's work always stirs up _____

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "**This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.**" But others said, "**How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?**" And there was a division among them...¹⁸ **The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight**, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?...²¹ **But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself...**²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. **We know that this man is a sinner.**" John 9:16-24 (ESV)

- 2) My _____ is my best witness.

²⁵ He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "...**Do you also want to become his disciples?**" ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing!...³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. John 9:25-34 (ESV)

THE 2ND ENCOUNTER:

- 1) I need to be _____

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." John 9:35-37 (ESV)

- 2) True spiritual knowledge results in _____

³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. John 9:38 (ESV)

- 3) Knowledge results in either _____ or _____

³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?"

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