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The Gospel of **John**

Am I seeing Jesus clearly?



Basis of belief :

1. Suffering

2. Miracles

3. Spiritual Sight

1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

John 9:1-3



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God allows suffering to bring healing, eternal hope, acknowledgment of our need.

**Without suffering we would
never acknowledge our need of
a savior!**



... we ourselves often allow suffering in someone's life in order to bring about some greater good. Doctors often inflict painful procedures and treatments on people, all for the purpose of the greater good of better health & longer life. Parents who punish bad behavior with the loss of toys or privileges are causing pain, but the alternative is that the child will grow into an adult who will have to walk through pain & suffering therefore experience far greater suffering."

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

John 9:4-5



'I AM' statements in The Gospel of John

I am the Bread of Life (John 6:35)

I am the Light of the World (John 8:12 / John 9:5)

I am the Door (John 10:9)

I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-14)

I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)

I am the Way and the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)

I am the Vine (John 15:1-5)

Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

John 9:6-7



Messianic promise of restored sight

- **Psalm 146:8** "The LORD opens the eyes of the blind
- **Isaiah 35:5** "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;"

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Our faith & confidence is based in a man
miraculously raised from the dead.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:3-6



And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6



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They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

John 9:13-15



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. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

John 9:16-17



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?” 20 His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 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.”

John 9:18-21



(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) 23 Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

John 9:22–23



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.”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?”

John 9:24-26



He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? 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.”

John 9:27–29



The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 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 9:30–34



Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “**Lord, I believe,**” and he **worshipped him.**

John 9:35 – 38



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?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

John 9:39–41



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Spiritual Blindness is the inability to see beyond oneself.

Woes spoken to the Pharisees in Matthew 23

- Jesus calls them 'blind men' & 'blind guides'
- Preferred ignorant darkness to the Light of the World

Gospel Truth – If we humble ourselves & open the eyes of our hearts, Jesus will reveal himself to us today & rescue us from spiritual blindness!



Promised Spiritual Sight

- **Isaiah 42:7** "To open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon and those who dwell in darkness from the prison."
- **Ephesians 1:18** "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling."

Am I seeing Jesus clearly?

- Draw near to Jesus in his Word / Spirit / Suffering**
- Believe Jesus wants to miraculously heal me**
- Receive new sight / new life Jesus promises**