

The Photos is the Logos of the Cosmos  
“I Am the Light of the World”  
John 9

Intro

John has developed the picture of Jesus in chapter 7-8 that manifests Jesus being God. He is the ANI HU- “I am He” and the great EGO EIMI “I am that I am”. For this claim they seek to kill Him 7:1, 8:59. In this new section the same theme is continued but this time it is connected to the concept of light and sight that started in John 1:4, 3:19 and is highlighted in 8:12. Note that the story is centered in the charge of the Pharisees against Jesus and breaking of the Law a strategy that they tried before.

- I. The Reality of the Situation :1-2 **Blind- No Sin**  
Confusion-Universal reaction- If suffering it must be because of Sin
  
- II. The Reason for the Situation :3-5  
Clarification- Suffering, evil, anything is for the glory of God  
We need to see life that way and use it to show the light of God  
Darkness is to “manifest” (enlighten) the light  
OT -Joseph You meant it for evil God meant it for good (Gen. 45:8,50:20)  
NT - Jesus I am the Light of the world See Jo 1:4, 3:19, 8:12, 12:46  
\*Is God able to glorify Himself in your difficulties?
  
- III. The Resolution of the Situation :6-7 (Sign)  
Q- Why do the miracle this way? Jesus could have just done it without spit?  
A- This creates the issue of Work and Sabbath and sin
  
- IV. The Reaction to the Situation :8-41 (Sermon)
  - A. Dialogue #1 (:8-12)  
The People  
  
The Blind Man

**Transition Hinge** :13-14 Confirm it is the man. Confirm it is on the Sabbath

- B. Dialogue #2 (:15-17)  
The Pharisees  
The issue is Law not Love Legality and Letter of Law not Spirit of Law  
They should have known- Manifestation of Messiah Lk. 7:22 Isa 35:5

The Blind Man

C. Dialogue #3 (:18-23)  
The Pharisees

The Parents

Parents :22 afraid for being put out of synagogue if Confess (12:42)

D. Dialogue #4 (:24-34)  
The Pharisees

NB “Give glory to God” The Pharisees are not even close. They are so deceived that they think they are doing Gods will. They are blind. They think they know the law of Moses but they have missed it for the past 7 chapters.

The Blind Man

The blind man begins to understand who Jesus is and where he is from. The Pharisees don’t see it Isa 35:5, Lk. 7:22.

D. Dialogue #5 (:35-39)  
Jesus

The identity of Jesus- “Son of man” 8:28-30, Mk 14:62, Dan. 7

The Blind Man

He understands that Jesus is the Son of Man and is God, believes in Him and worships Him. 8:28-30 20:31

The blind man is a God fearer 9:31 and hence worships 9:38

‘Worship’ (To fall in submission. prostrate) 4:20-25, 12:20

\*The blind man saw Jesus as a man :11, a prophet :12 and now as God :38

\* Many do the same today concerning Jesus

**Transition- 9:39 Hinge** verse The dual audience: The man and the Pharisees  
2 types of vision: Physical- Literal and Metaphorical- Spiritual blindness  
Those who are physically blind may see both physically and spiritually  
Isa 35:5\*\* The man Jesus healed is part of Messiah’s Message

Those who see physically but are blind spiritually may not see Spiritually  
(Parables help those who desire to be helped and confirm and harden  
those who don’t wish to learn. Lk 8:10, Matt 13:12-17)

- E. Dialogue #6 (:40-41) **Blind and Sin**  
Climax of the episode and explanation of “blindness”  
Literally and Metaphorically

The Pharisees :40

What is the emotional tone of their question?  
Genuine seekers or rebellious resisters?

They will not believe Jesus and hence they are in sin and will die in their Sin (8:24) unless they believe like the blind man.  
They still see (physically) but blind to Law and to the Lord (Spiritually)

Jesus :41

At a physical level if you are blind then you can not be blamed or held guilty for not seeing- Hence No sin...  
But if you say you see ( We are the keepers of the Law of Moses and the children of Abraham) but don't keep the law then you actually are blind.  
Hence Sin.

“For unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” 8:24

- \* Blind man sees both literally, (Miracle) and believes Spiritually (Message and Messenger) and hence worships.
- \* Pharisees see physically but blind spiritually; They are blind, sin, and cannot worship God.

**Theological and Practical Truths**

**\* Evangelization**

Some people hear the gospel and believe John 12:46

Some people hear the gospel and do not believe

They are blinded. Evangelism is a supernatural event. 2 Cor. 4

We share the truth but the Spirit draws, enlightens, (Faith) & regenerates

Who will you share with this week?

**\* Edification**

Do we confess Christ? (John 12, 19)

Do we fear being ostracized from friends or family?

Spiritual vitality will not develop in Christians who are cowards and will not confess Christ in a hostile culture.

Walk in the Light John 11:9-10, 12:35-36, Eph. 5:8

Is God able to manifest His glory and His works in your difficulty?