

Jesus Came to Give Sight to the Blind

(Luke 4:17-19)

Introduction:

1. According to Luke 4:1-13, Jesus was tempted for a period of 40 days in the wilderness after He was baptized.
2. We learn from vs.14-15 that Jesus returned to Galilee after His temptation where He taught in the synagogues.
3. In vs.16-21, Luke tells us about something that took place in the synagogue located in Nazareth where Jesus was raised.
 - a. On the Sabbath Jesus went to the synagogue, and He was given an opportunity to read Scripture.
 - b. Jesus read from the writings of Isaiah (61:1-2).
 - c. Jesus pointed out from Isaiah's prophecy that He had come to accomplish several important objectives -- one was to give "*sight to the blind.*"
4. The Gospels record a number of occasions when Jesus cured blindness.
5. In our lesson we are concentrating on one particular occasion that is recorded in John 9:1-7.
6. The first observation we need to make is that . . .

Discussion:

- I. JESUS SAW THIS MAN AS HE "*PASSED BY*" (vs.1)
 - A. (8:20) Jesus had been teaching in the temple, and He called upon people to believe on Him.
 - B. (8:30) As a result of the Lord's teaching, "*many believed on him.*"
 - C. (8:31-32) Jesus showed them how they could be His disciples and be free.
 - D. (8:33-58) A very heated discussion followed.
 - E. (8:59) The Jews attempted to stone Jesus, but He escaped and "*passed by.*"
 - F. As Jesus "*passed by,*" He saw this blind man.
 1. This man did not suffer blindness because of some accident.
 2. He was born blind.
- II. (vs.2) THE LORD'S DISCIPLES SAW THIS MAN'S BLINDNESS AS PUNISHMENT FOR SIN
 - A. The disciples wanted Jesus to tell them whether the man was born blind because of his sin or the sin of his parents.
 - B. Perhaps the disciples had been influenced by the Pharisees -- when they questioned the man they accused him of being "*altogether born in sins*" (vs.34).

- III. (vs.3-5) JESUS SAW THIS MAN'S BLINDNESS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE WORK OF GOD
- A. (vs.3a) Jesus first answered the disciples' question.
 - B. (vs.3b) Jesus said *"that the works of God should be made manifest in him."*
 - C. Jesus reacted as He did because:
 - 1. He realized that He was personally responsible for doing the work God had given Him to do (vs.4a)
 - 2. He realized that His time to accomplish His work was limited (vs.4b).
 - D. (vs.5) Jesus also talked about being *"the light of the world"* (see Matthew 5:16).
- IV. (vs.6-7) JESUS GAVE SIGHT TO THE MAN
- A. (vs.6) Jesus made some clay and placed it on the man's eyes.
 - B. (vs.7a) Jesus told the man what to do.
 - C. (vs.7b) The man followed the Lord's instructions, and he was able to see.
- V. THESE VERSES TEACH US SOMETHING ABOUT JESUS
- A. According to the man who received his sight, this had never been done (vs.32).
 - B. By performing such miracles, Jesus proved that He is God's Son (20:30-31).
- VI. THESE VERSES ALSO TEACH US SOMETHING ABOUT THE MAN WHO RECEIVED HIS SIGHT
- A. This man could have acted like Naaman who was told how to be cured of leprosy (2 Kings 5:10-12).
 - B. This man did not argue with Jesus, and he did not try to devise his own way to gain his sight.
 - C. He simply did what Jesus told him to do.
 - D. He did not delay in following the Lord's instructions.

Conclusion:

- 1. In Luke 4:18 Jesus quoted from the writings of Isaiah to show that He came to give sight to the blind.
- 2. Later, Jesus said in Luke 19:10 that He also came *"to seek and to save that which was lost."*
- 3. Jesus tells us how to be saved in Mark 16:16.
- 4. Will you comply with the Lord's instructions like the man who was born blind?