

John 9:1-41

With Jesus along the Road
The Touch that Heals

What is it like to live in darkness?

Isaiah 9/Matthew 4:15-16:

“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

1. Jesus and the Blind Man (9:1-7)

This man was *born* blind.

Disciples blinded by their own prejudices.

God works through our suffering. 2 Cor 12:9

Simple faith. Simple obedience. Life changing experience.

2. The Healed Man and His Neighbors (9:8-12)

Why do we doubt miracles?

John 1:5, “*The Light Shines in the Darkness.*”

3. The Blind Man and the Pharisees (9:13-34)

Jesus did not fit into their preconceived theology. Mark 2:27

John 1:5, “*But the darkness has not understood it.*”

Parents fear loss of reputation.

Who is more blind in this story?

“Do you want to become his disciples too?”

4. Jesus and the Healed Man Even More (9:35-41)

This man needed deeper healing.

We also need a deeper healing. Ephesians 5:8-14; John 12:35-36