



To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Radical Love of Jesus

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“One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

The Gospel of
JOHN
“Come and See”

John 9
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Now I Can See

John 9:1-41 (excerpts)

¹ As (Jesus) 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. ⁴ 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.” ⁶ 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 ⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

¹⁰ So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.”

¹⁵ 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.”

¹⁸ (The Jews asked his parents) “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.” ²² (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.)

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 (Jesus) 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?" ²⁷ 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." ³⁰ 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."

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.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. 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?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

1. Overwhelming Brokenness

2. Acute Brokenness

3. Acute Healing

4. Overwhelming Healing

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²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, *groan inwardly* as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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Acute Brokenness

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Job 8

³ Does God pervert justice?

Or does the Almighty pervert the right?

⁴ If your children have sinned against him,
he has delivered them into the hand of
their transgression.

“Who has time for God when there are people to please, politicians to criticize, addictions to feed, holes to dig ourselves out of, and pandemics to navigate? Who has use for God when the life he gives us turns out to be unstable and wretched?”

Scott Sauls, Beautiful People Don't Just Happen



“Pain insists upon being attended to.
God whispers to us in our pleasures...
but shouts in our pains.
It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain

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Karma vs. Consequences

Broken because of Sin, not sins

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Luke 11

⁴ But when Jesus heard (that Lazarus was very sick) he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, ***he stayed two days longer*** in the place where he was.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”

Personal Desperation

Greater Love

Love ≠ Comfort

Greater Compassion

Greater Healing

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Daniel 7

¹³ “I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

“The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen.”

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross



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Personal Healing

Our good things will never be taken away

Our bad things will come untrue

Our best things are yet to come

(Jonathan Edwards' first sermon at the age of 18 in 1721)

The Shema

(Repeat after me)

Shema Israel	Hear O Israel
Adonai eloheinu	The LORD is our God
Adonai echad.	The LORD Alone
Ve'ahavta et Adonai eloheykha	Love the LORD Your God
b'khol-levavkha	With all your heart
Uve'khol naphshekha	And with all your soul
Uve'khol me'odekha.	And with all your might
Ve'ahavta le'reacha Kamocha	And Love your neighbor as yourself
Amen	Amen

Benediction

(“good word”)

A 4000 years old tradition of giving a corporate blessing over God’s people.

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.