
The Gospel Of John
"Once I Was Blind, Now I See"
John 9

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Introduction: As we continue our study of John's gospel, we find Jesus is once again entangled in controversy.

1. As usual, the controversy is tied to unbelief and their opposition to Jesus.
2. It is a familiar story.
3. In this story that controversy is tied to religion.
4. That's a huge problem.
 - Judaism was meant to lead Israel to Jesus.
 - Instead, it had become a source of self-righteousness.
 - That self-righteousness kept them from Jesus.
5. As we work through the narrative, we'll see the process of faith in sharp contrast to unbelief.

I. The Process Of Faith

A. The Setting

B. The Debate (vs. 16)

C. The Growth Of Faith

- Obedience
- A Prophet

- His Experience
- Common Sence
- Belief

II. A Picture Of Unbelief

A. Committed To Religion (vs. 16)

B. Characterized By Self-righteousness (vs. 34)

Conclusion: Religion should lead us to God.

1. When that's not true, religion is often an obstacle that keeps us from God.
2. This is the perfect time to examine your spiritual journey.
3. Are you like the blind man?
 - Is your faith growing?
4. Are you like the Pharisees?
 - Is religion a substitute for a personal relationship with Jesus?