

## JESUS THROUGH THE EYES OF A BLIND MAN

by Jim Bullington

The Pharisee's failed to get the answers they wanted from the blind man, so they called for his parents. Hear the sarcasm in their voices as they say, *"Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"* Listen to their calm but less than candid response – *"We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."* (John 9:19-21).

John adds a detail that sheds light on the rest of the story. He says that the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed that He [Jesus] was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue (v 22). The jury had reached their verdict; it was just a matter of finding the right witnesses!

Round three of questioning! "So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, 'Give God the glory! We know that this Man [Jesus] is a sinner.' He answered and said, 'Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.' Then they said to him again, 'What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?' Then they reviled him and said, 'You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.'" (John 9:24-29).

"They reviled him!" What an ungodly scene! Joy and thanksgiving should have been the emotional order of the day; rather, ugly and demeaning comments were the result. Once again, the former blind man drops back to what he knows. There are no preconceived ideas that he has to support so he can see clearly. In contrast, the Pharisees felt compelled to support their conclusions and their eyes were clouded with doubt and suspicion. The man must have thought to himself, "If this is what seeing is all about, strike me blind!"

Mark well his cutting response – "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!" (v 30). A blind man could see and those who could see were blind!



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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Today's Sermon: Lydia: Faith in Unexpected Places**

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**Scripture: Acts 16:9-15**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** August 28<sup>th</sup>, either Arthur will continue with our study of Galatians.
- **Next Potluck:** September 15<sup>th</sup>
- **Pancake Breakfast on the Porch-Saturday,** September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing: September 29<sup>th</sup>. Venue TBA.**



### NEWS

- **Jerry** will be having surgery to remove all the cancer he has on both his scalp and his forearm tomorrow in Towanda.
- Our **potluck dinner** is today following services. Please stay and enjoy fellowship with us. There is always plenty to go around.
- **Mike and Nadine Huddleston** plan to come back for a day or two this week to set up camp in our parking lot.
- **Paul and Dawn** are on vacation in Virginia Beach for a week, returning this Saturday.
- **Arthur will be speaking at the Camp Hunt (NY) Men's Retreat** in September. His subject will be **Overcoming Problems in the Church**.
- **Plans are being made to start a Grief Ministry** as an outreach service to the community.

## PRAYERS

- **Prayers for follow up visits and calls to contacts made during our two recent door-knocking campaigns.**
- **Doug and Darlene** are both still sick with sore throats and coughing.
- Pray for the success of **Jerry's** cancer surgery next Monday.
- Please pray for **Peyton**, as she continues to have seizures, the last one being here at our worship service.
- **Continue to pray for Mark Elsbree**, who needs a kidney donor soon, **Andrea Lentz and Lori Kashorek**, who have lung cancer (Lori is the minister's wife at the Plattsburgh, NY church), **Erin Beiber**, who has metastatic breast cancer (Erin is Sandy and Arthur's neighbor and Darlene's cousin), **Ronnie Jones**, who is recovering from a stroke, and **Don Myers**, minister for the church in Elmore, AL, who is suffering from back pain and the effects of his pain medication.
- Pray for those of us who have people in our families who are yet unsaved or have strayed.

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