

# SERMON NOTES

Reason To Believe: Jesus Heals  
John 9

John selected seven miracles to bring us encouragement and fulfill the purpose of his gospel narrative. At the end of the gospel, John says,

“Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.” *John 20:30-31*

The word for “signs” in verse 30 means more than a miracle at face value. It means the miracle came with a message or a meaning. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan has said that “every parable Jesus spoke was a miracle of instruction, and every miracle Jesus performed was a parable for instruction.” The miracles that John records are intended to reveal the power and authority of Jesus, and also His redeeming power over sin, death, hell, and the grave. Jesus healed the blind man to reveal that He is God’s answer to our darkness.

## JESUS REMINDS US OF THE URGENCY OF THE HOUR (verses 1-5)

- **Duty (must)**
  - (must) this word expresses the “character of necessity or compulsion” in an event.
  - “Remember you have nothing to do to compare in importance with saving souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work.” *John Wesley*
- **Diligence (work)**
- **Deadline (as long as it is day)**
  - “I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.” *Revelation 3:11*
  - “And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.” *Revelation 22:7*
  - “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.” *Revelation 22:12*
  - “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.” *Revelation 22:20*

## JESUS GIVES LIGHT TO OUR DARKNESS (verses 6-12, 17, 25-27, 35-39)

- **A picture of spiritual darkness:**
  - He was blind (John 9:1; Ephesians 4:18; John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6)
  - He was begging (John 9:8)
  - He was helpless (John 9:6-7)
- **A picture of God’s grace:**
  - Jesus acted sovereignly
  - Jesus acted graciously
  - Jesus acted powerfully

Note carefully how this man grew in his knowledge of Christ.

(Wiersbe, W. W. (1992). *Wiersbe’s expository outlines on the New Testament* (p. 235). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.)

1. “A man called Jesus” (v. 11) was all he knew when Christ healed him.
2. “A prophet” (v. 17) is what the man called Him when the Pharisees questioned him.
3. “A man of God” (vs. 31-33) is what he concluded Jesus to be.
4. “The Son of God” (vs. 35-38) was his final and complete confession of faith. (See 20:30-31)

## JESUS EXPOSES UNBELIEF (verses 13-24, 26, 28-29, 34, 39-41)

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” *2 Corinthians 4:3-4*

- Refuses to admit one’s need (Romans 1:21)
- Rejects Jesus Christ (John 3:19-20)