

Sunday School
March 22, 2020
Gospel- John 1:1-41

Read the Gospel for today. It's [John 9:1-41](#). Here's the [Rector's Bible Study](#)'s reflection on this passage.

To me, this story is so exciting and wild! Here Jesus spits in mud and then puts it in someone's eye to heal him. That's wild. Since the guy is blind, he can't point fingers and say "it was Jesus, you know, beard, kinda tall." He just knows that that morning he couldn't see, and at the end of the day he could! Then everyone gets mad at the man because he could see. He didn't ask for it. He didn't plan it. He's not like Zaccheus who climbs a tree to get noticed by Jesus. But the man's ailment is cured. That's not the end of the story! The man sees the Pharisees. He might know these people, but he wouldn't've recognized them. So all he has is the truth to tell. They don't believe him. So they kick him out of the temple. This poor guy has no support. His parent's don't stick up for him because "he's of age." While that's probably true. Think about the first time you went to a mall, or Target, or even Christ Church! I'm sure you don't remember what people said to you or what you wore. But you do remember actually being able to see the lights, the altar, the windows. Maybe you spent too long looking in them to remember the sermon. Maybe these sights lived up to what you pictured, or maybe it didn't. I think the man had the same experience. He just believed because he wanted to. When the man is kicked out, he sees Jesus. Jesus tells him that he is the Messiah. He knows no different. He's told people about the Messiah, and it must be who he says he is. The only people that he's seen lie to his face were the Pharisees. Obviously he won't trust them again. So since we have sight, we can become blind to the way things were and gain a new sight in Jesus.

Reflection Questions:

What happened in this story?

What stands out the most?

Do you think people would've reacted the same way if it was a story about a man born without a leg suddenly getting a leg?

Why do they ask the man and his parents?

What do you think Jesus means when he says "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."

What things have you been blind to but now you see? (ex. Segregation, homelessness, what to do during pandemics)

Knowing what you know now, what are you going to do to show God to people this week?

Close in the collect for the day or your favorite prayer.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*