

I Need a Miracle:
What is Jesus Doing Right Here Where We Are?
John 9:1-41

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Introduction: We are in a series called “I Need a Miracle.” Our definition for a miracle is “those things that can only be described by the phrase, ‘God did it.’” There are seven such miracles in the Gospel of John that are intentionally used by the Spirit of God through this Gospel writer to prove that Jesus is who He said He was. After today there is only one more miracle to consider in John—the raising of Lazarus from the dead. So far we have considered the miracle at the wedding at Cana, the healing of the royal official’s son, the man at the Pool of Bethesda, the miracle of the feeding of the multitude, and the miracle of Jesus walking on the water. We have been looking at each of these miracles as a way to ask God about our own need for Him to do something in our lives that we are desperate to see.

These miracles force us to think about our own needs. These miracles force us to ask the hard question of what about our miracle. Maybe you are uncomfortable about asking those questions. If asking God questions makes you a bit uncomfortable, you are going to be uncomfortable today. I had a moment this week. As I looked at this text this week, I began to ask a question of the line of a song—What is Jesus doing? Have you ever asked that?

What is Jesus doing right here where we are? This text answers that question.

- **Sometimes, we are not going to know.**

As He was passing by, He saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples questioned Him: “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” Jesus answered. “This came about so that God’s works might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must do 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.”

- **He is doing what He desires and how He desires to do it.**

⁶ After He said these things He spit on the ground, made some mud from the saliva, and spread the mud on his eyes. ⁷ “Go,” He told him, “wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he left, washed, and came back seeing.

- **He is bringing people to Himself.**

³⁵ When Jesus heard that they had thrown the man out, He found him and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

³⁶ “Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” he asked.

³⁷ Jesus answered, “You have seen Him; in fact, He is the One speaking with you.”

³⁸ “I believe, Lord!” he said, and he worshiped Him.

- **He is bringing glory to Himself.**

“This came about so that God’s works might be displayed in him.

- **He is exposing spiritual blindness.**

³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, in order that those who do not see will see and those who do see will become blind.”

⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and asked Him, “We aren’t blind too, are we?”

⁴¹ “If you were blind,” Jesus told them, “you wouldn’t have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see’—your sin remains.