

RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND

Luke 2:46-52

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

(KJV)

No gifts of the Spirit in manifestation

No miracles yet

No healings recorded

Then, Jesus came to be baptized.

Mark 1:1-11

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
(KJV)

Luke 3:23 (AMP)
Luke 4:1,2 (AMP)

Luke 4:14-21

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

(KJV)

Acts 10:38

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

(KJV)

Note:

- There was a beginning to Jesus' ministry and it wasn't until He was 30 yrs old.
- He didn't and couldn't begin His ministry without being anointed by God.
- He was anointed when He was water baptized.
- He was anointed with the Holy Ghost and Power
- "The Spirit of the Lord," "the anointing," "the Holy Ghost," and "power" are all synonymous terms.

Jesus was God who laid aside His Diety to come to earth as a man. As a man he received an anointing from God to do the works that He did.

Phil 2:5-11

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(KJV)

Many had heard about Jesus:

Luke 6:17-18

17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, **which came to hear him, and to be healed** of their diseases;

18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

(KJV)

Mark 5:25-29

25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

27 **When she had heard of Jesus**, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

(KJV)

Matt 14:34-36

34 And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

35 And **when the men of that place had knowledge of him**, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.
(KJV)

What had they heard?

I believe everywhere Jesus went, He stood up in the synagouge and read from the book of Isaiah

Luke 4:18-19

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19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
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HE WAS ANOINTED, EMPOWERED TO GIVE SIGHT TO THE BLIND.

Matt 9:27-30

27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

(KJV)

Matt 11:4-6

4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

(KJV)

Matt 12:22

22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

(KJV)

Matt 21:14

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.
(KJV)

There was also the blind man at Bethsaida Mk8:22-25
and blind Bartimaeus Mt 20:30-34 and Mk 10:46-52

I want to share with you about the man who was BORN BLIND in John 9:1.

John 9:1-41

CHAPTER 9

1 As he was walking along, he saw a man blind from birth.

2 "Master," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it a result of his own sins or those of his parents?"

3 "Neither," Jesus answered. "But to demonstrate the power of God.

4 All of us must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent me, for there is little time left before the night falls and all work comes to an end.

5 But while I am still here in the world, I give it my light."

6 Then he spat on the ground and made mud from the spittle and smoothed the mud over the blind man's eyes,

- **Michael O'Loughlin said in Jewish culture, the spittle of the first born is always anointed and Jesus is called the first born of The Father.**
 - **The Greek word for "spittle" is six definitions all derived from "ptusma" meaning, to take spit and mud and spread it or fold it.**
 - **Rev. O'Loughlin said it is thought that this man had no eyeballs. Jesus with the mud formed eyeballs for him.**
 - **Also, the power of God works by contraries - He could have been mudding over his eyes to make him sense his own blindness before He gave him sight.**
 - **It's also intimating that it was He, The Christ, who first formed man out of the dust.**
 - **Jesus anointed Him with mud.**
 - **To "anoint" in the Greek means "to use an instrument of power to furnish what is needed by contact, handling, smearing or rubbing in, in order to consecrate."**
- 7 and told him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam" (the word Siloam means "Sent"). So the man went where he was sent and washed and came back seeing!
- **It was both considered unlawful to heal on the Sabbath as well as to bathe or wash. In reality it was allowed by the Jewish law to do works of necessity and of mercy.**

- **Jesus was watching, to see if this man was going to obey Him over the traditions taught by the Pharisees.**
- **The “Pool of Siloam” was supplied with water by the water from Mount Zion. These waters were called the “waters of the Sanctuary.” These waters signified the Throne and the kingdom of the house of David which pointed to the Messiah. Jews who refused these waters refused Christ’s doctrine. It was very significant to see if he would obey.**
- **The water in the Pool of Siloam that came from Zion were the same waters referred to in Ezek 47:9 - The River of God called Living Waters that were healing waters.**

8 His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Is this the same fellow-- that beggar?"

9 Some said yes, and some said no. "It can't be the same man," they thought, "but he surely looks like him!" And the beggar said, "I am the same man!"

10 Then they asked him how in the world he could see. What had happened?

11 And he told them, "A man they call Jesus made mud and smoothed it over my eyes and told me to go to the Pool of Siloam and wash off the mud. I did, and I can see!"

12 "Where is he now?" they asked. "I don't know," he replied.

13 Then they took the man to the Pharisees.

14 Now as it happened, this all occurred on a Sabbath.

15 Then the Pharisees asked him all about it. So he told them how Jesus had smoothed the mud over his eyes, and when it was washed away, he could see!

16 Some of them said, "Then this fellow Jesus is not from God because he is working on the Sabbath." Others said, "But how could an ordinary sinner do such miracles?" So there was a deep division of opinion among them.

17 Then the Pharisees turned on the man who had been blind and demanded, "This man who opened your eyes-- who do you say he is?" "I think he must be a prophet sent from God," the man replied.

18 The Jewish leaders wouldn't believe he had been blind, until they called in his parents

19 and asked them, "Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he see?"

20 His parents replied, "We know this is our son and that he was born blind,

21 but we don't know what happened to make him see, or who did it. He is old enough to speak for himself. Ask him."

22 They said this in fear of the Jewish leaders who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be excommunicated.

24 So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, "Give the glory to God, not to Jesus, for we know Jesus is an evil person."

25 "I don't know whether he is good or bad," the man replied, "but I know this: I was blind, and now I see!"

26 "But what did he do?" they asked. "How did he heal you?"

27 "Look!" the man exclaimed. "I told you once; didn't you listen? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

28 Then they cursed him and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

29 We know God has spoken to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't know anything about him."

30 "Why, that's very strange!" the man replied. "He can heal blind men, and yet you don't know anything about him!

31 Well, God doesn't listen to evil men, but he has open ears to those who worship him and do his will.

32 Since the world began there has never been anyone who could open the eyes of someone born blind.

33 If this man were not from God, he couldn't do it."

34 "You illegitimate bastard, you!" they shouted. "Are you trying to teach us?" And they threw him out.

35 When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and said, "Do you believe in the Messiah?"

36 The man answered, "Who is he, sir, for I want to."

37 "You have seen him," Jesus said, "and he is speaking to you!"

38 "Yes, Lord," the man said, "I believe!" And he worshiped Jesus.

39 Then Jesus told him, "I have come into the world to give sight to those who are spiritually blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind."

40 The Pharisees who were standing there asked, "Are you saying we are blind?"

41 "If you were blind, you wouldn't be guilty," Jesus replied. "But your guilt remains because you claim to know what you are doing.

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