

“Jesus: More Than a Man”

Who is Jesus? Part 4

John 9:1-41, specifically verses 35-41
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In order to have 20/20 vision, I must:

Prescription 1-

Recognize God is pursuing me (verses 35-37).

“If God did not take the initiative in salvation, no one would be saved, since sinners cannot seek Him on their own. Romans 3:10-12 sums up the sinner’s total inability: ‘There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one.’”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: John 1-11*,
Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL, 2006, p. 412.

Prayer: God, open my eyes so I can see how You are pursuing me.

Prescription 2-

Recognize my need to respond to what God initiates (verse 38).

Prayer: God, open my eyes so I can recognize what You are initiating and follow Your lead.

Prescription 3-

Recognize my spiritual blindness (verses 39-41).

“The Lord says that there are those who have eyes and see not. They have physical eyes and physical sight, but they are blind spiritually. If a man will admit he is blind and will come to Jesus as a blind man, Jesus will give him spiritual insight.”

J. Vernon McGee, *The Gospels: John Chapters 1-10*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, TN, 1991, p. 161.

“Those people who think they know it all, those who do not realize that they cannot see, are men and women who are truly blind and beyond hope and help. Only those who realize their own weakness can become strong. Only those who realize their own blindness can learn to see. Only those who realize their own sin can be forgiven.”

William Barclay, *The New Daily Study Bible Volume Two: The Gospel of John*, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2001, p. 58.

Prayer: God, open my eyes so I can see the depths of my sinfulness and brokenness.