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The Light Shines into Darkness

John 9:1-41

John 9 records the sixth sign performed by Jesus, healing and giving sight to a man born blind. This sign doubles as a spiritual metaphor. A person born blind has never seen light, living their life in darkness. Similarly, all people are born spiritually blind. People are enslaved to their sins and live their life in darkness, with no way to escape. Jesus came to shine light into the darkness, thus providing the way of escape. John 9 records what happens and people's response when Jesus shines His light into the darkness.

Additional Verses:

Isaiah 8:5-10, 42:6-7

Outline:

The light of Jesus brings healing.

The light of Jesus brings controversy.

The light of Jesus brings judgment.

Study Questions:

1. What challenge does suffering present to believers? How does God's word answer this question? How do we rest in God's sovereignty in the light of suffering?
2. What is the significance of the pool of Siloam? How does Jesus fulfill the prophecy from Isaiah 8:5-10?
3. Why are people confused about the man's healing? How do people attempt to reject the truth? How are their responses like people's rejection of Jesus?
4. Who are the blind in this chapter? What is the solution for spiritual blindness?
5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?