

**Scripture: John 9:1-12**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Today we are continuing our series called "I'm Possible." In this series, we are looking at the miracles of Jesus Christ and learning again and again that what is impossible with man is possible with God.

We have seen Jesus turn water into wine. We have seen Him heal the paralyzed man. We have seen Him multiply five loaves and two fish. We have seen Him walk on the water. We have seen Him answer a mother's faith. We have seen Him raise Lazarus from the dead. We have seen Him fill empty nets.

Today we come to another powerful miracle in John chapter 9 verses 1 through 12. This is the story of a man who was born blind.

This man was not blind for a few days. He was not blind because of an accident. He was not blind because of old age. The Bible says he was blind from birth. That means he had never seen light. He had never seen the face of his parents. He had never seen the sunrise. He had never seen the road where he sat. He had never seen the temple. He had never seen the people who passed by him every day.

To many people, he was just a blind man. To some, he was just a beggar. To the disciples, he became a question. But to Jesus, he became a place where the works of God would be revealed.

The title of today's message is: I Am the Light and Our key verse is John 9:5, where Jesus says: "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

This miracle is not only about blind eyes being opened. It is about Jesus revealing who He is. He is the Light. He is the One who enters darkness and darkness cannot overcome Him. He is the One who sees people others overlook. He is the One who touches what others only discuss. He is the One who turns darkness into testimony.

**1. People Saw a Problem, But Jesus Saw Purpose**

John 9 begins with these words: "Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth." That is already good news. Jesus saw him.

Many people had passed by this man before. Some may have ignored him. Some may have pitied him. Some may have judged him. Some may have given him something and walked away. But Jesus saw him differently.

The disciples asked Jesus, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Their question shows us how people often think. They saw suffering and immediately looked for blame. They wanted to know whose fault it was. Was it his sin? Was it his parents’ sin? Why was he born like this?

But Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.”

Jesus was not saying this man or his parents had never sinned in life. He was saying his blindness was not a punishment for a specific sin. The disciples saw a problem to explain, but Jesus saw a purpose to reveal.

This is important for us. Sometimes people look at our situation and try to explain us. They look at our pain, our struggle, our family, our weakness, our past, or our limitations, and they start asking questions. “Why did this happen? Who is responsible? What went wrong?”

But Jesus sees deeper.

People may see your condition, but Jesus sees your purpose. People may see your limitation, but Jesus sees His glory. People may see your darkness, but Jesus sees a place where His light can shine.

This man had lived his whole life with blindness, but Jesus said that his life would reveal the works of God. What people thought was only a tragedy became the place of testimony.

Church, not every pain is punishment. Not every struggle means God has rejected you. Not every closed door means your story is over. Sometimes the place of your deepest weakness becomes the place where God reveals His greatest work. Your pain is not always a punishment. Sometimes it becomes the platform where God reveals His glory.

## **2. Jesus Is the Light in the Middle of Darkness**

After Jesus spoke about the works of God, He said in John 9:5, “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” This statement is powerful because Jesus said it while standing in front of a man who had lived his whole life in darkness.

This man needed physical sight, but the world needed something even greater. The world needed spiritual light.

Blindness in this passage is not only physical. It also points to spiritual darkness. A person can have natural eyes and still not see who Jesus is. A person can see the sun, the moon, the road, and the people around them, but still be blind to truth, blind to grace, blind to salvation, and blind to the glory of Christ.

That is why Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

He did not say, "I have light."

He did not say, "I know about light."

He said, "I am the light."

When Jesus enters a dark place, darkness does not have the final word.

There are many kinds of darkness people face. Some are in the darkness of fear. Some are in the darkness of confusion. Some are in the darkness of shame. Some are in the darkness of sin. Some are in the darkness of disappointment. Some are in the darkness of not knowing what tomorrow will bring.

But the good news is this: Jesus is not afraid of darkness. He steps into darkness and brings light.

The man in John 9 had never seen light with his eyes, but Light Himself was standing in front of him. He had never seen the sun, but the Son of God had come near.

This is why we can have hope. Jesus does not only give us answers. He gives us Himself. He is the Light in our dark seasons. He is the Light when we do not understand. He is the Light when the path is unclear. He is the Light when people misunderstand us. He is the Light when life feels heavy.

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### **3. The Mud Was the Method, But Jesus Was the Miracle**

Then John tells us something unusual. Jesus spat on the ground, made clay with the saliva, and applied the clay to the man's eyes.

Jesus could have healed this man with one word. He could have simply said, "Be healed," and the man would have received sight. But Jesus chose to use mud.

Why mud?

This action points us back to creation. In Genesis, God formed man from the dust of the ground. Now in John 9, Jesus uses the dust of the ground again. This man was born blind. Something was missing from birth. By making mud and touching his eyes, Jesus is revealing that He is not only a healer. He is the Creator.

The One who formed the first man from dust can form a new sight from mud.

But we must understand this clearly: the power was not in the mud. The mud was not magic. The mud did not heal him. The power was in Jesus.

The mud was the method, but Jesus was the miracle.

In human hands, mud is just dirt. But in the hands of Jesus, mud becomes a tool for glory.

This fits beautifully with the miracles we have already seen in this series. Water became wine. Five loaves and two fish fed thousands. Empty nets were filled. And now mud becomes part of a miracle.

Jesus can use ordinary things to reveal extraordinary power.

But there is another truth here. Before the man looked better, he looked messier. He was already blind, and now he had mud on his eyes. To people around him, it may have looked strange. It may have looked uncomfortable. It may have looked worse before it looked better.

Sometimes when Jesus is working in our lives, the process does not always look beautiful. Healing has a process. Restoration has a process. Growth has a process. Obedience has a process. Sometimes people only see the mud, but they do not know the Master has touched you.

Do not be ashamed of the mud season. The mud may look messy, but it can be evidence that Jesus is working. The mud was not the problem. The mud was the method. What looked messy was actually the hand of Jesus creating a miracle.

#### **4. Obedience Came Before Sight**

After Jesus applied the mud, He said to the man, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam."

The Bible says Siloam means Sent.

This is very important. The man was still blind when Jesus gave him the instruction. He did not receive sight first and then obey. He had to obey while he was still blind.

He had to walk before he could see. He had to go to the pool with mud still on his eyes. He had to trust the voice of Jesus before he saw the result. He had to move by faith, not by sight.

Many people want to see first and obey later. We say, “Lord, show me everything, then I will obey. Lord, fix everything, then I will trust You. Lord, make the way clear, then I will walk.”

But faith does not always work that way.

Sometimes faith means walking to the water while your eyes are still covered with mud. Sometimes faith means obeying when you do not yet see the outcome. Sometimes faith means taking the next step because Jesus said so.

The Bible says, “So he went and washed, and came back seeing.”

That is a powerful sentence.

He went blind, but he came back seeing.

He went with mud, but he came back with a miracle.

He went in obedience, and he came back with testimony.

The miracle was connected to obedience. The healing did not happen while he stood still arguing with Jesus. The healing happened as he responded to the instruction of Jesus.

This is a word for us today. What has Jesus asked you to do? What step of obedience have you delayed? What instruction have you ignored because you do not yet see how it will work? If Jesus sends you, obey Him. If Jesus speaks, trust Him. If Jesus gives instruction, follow Him.

Faith is walking to the water while your eyes are still covered with mud.

## **5. A Simple Testimony Can Silence Complicated Questions**

After the man washed and came back, people began to ask questions.

Some said, “Is this not he who sat and begged?”

Others said, “This is he.”

Others said, “He is like him.”

But the man said, "I am he."

Then they asked him, "How were your eyes opened?"

His answer was simple. He said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." He did not know everything yet. He did not have a full theological explanation. He did not know how to answer every question. But he knew what Jesus had done.

That is the power of testimony. A testimony does not have to be complicated to be powerful. You may not know how to explain every doctrine. You may not know how to answer every argument. You may not know how to satisfy every critic. But you can say, "This is what Jesus did for me."

"I was blind, but now I see."

"I was lost, but Jesus found me."

"I was broken, but Jesus restored me."

"I was empty, but Jesus filled me."

"I was hopeless, but Jesus gave me hope."

"I was in darkness, but Jesus became my Light."

This man's life became evidence. People could debate the method, but they could not deny the miracle. They could question him, but they could not erase what Jesus had done. That is what Jesus wants to do in our lives. He wants to turn our darkness into testimony. He wants to turn our pain into purpose. He wants to turn our weakness into witness.

This miracle fits perfectly in our "I'm Possible" series.

Water into wine shows us that Jesus can transform what has run out.

The paralyzed man shows us that Jesus can lift what cannot move.

The five loaves and two fish show us that Jesus can multiply what is not enough.

Walking on water shows us that Jesus has authority over what threatens us.

The mother's faith shows us that persistent faith receives mercy.

Lazarus shows us that even death must obey Jesus.

Empty nets show us that failure is not final when Jesus speaks.

And John 9 shows us that blind eyes can be opened because Jesus is the Light.

So today, remember this: Jesus is the Light.

When He comes near, darkness must move. When He touches, creation begins again.

When He sends, obedience opens the door. When He heals, testimony begins.

The man began the day blind, but he ended the day seeing. He began the day known by his condition, but he ended the day with a testimony. He began the day in darkness, but he encountered the Light of the world.

And the same Jesus is still able today.

He can shine into dark places.

He can touch broken places.

He can use ordinary things.

He can work through messy seasons.

He can turn your life into a testimony.

I may not see it yet, but Jesus is still the Light. If He touches it, if He speaks over it, and if I obey His word, darkness can become testimony.

May the Lord bless you all!