

Believing is Seeing

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 9:1-39.

B. The text deals with why handicaps are given to people.

II. There is a link between hurt and handicap.

A. We are not living in a world where we can expect perfection.

B. We live in a fallen world.

C. People suffer because of their own sinful ways, but not in all cases and not in this case.

III. The handicap was an opportunity for things to be manifest that would not have otherwise been so.

A. Sometimes attitudes are manifest that otherwise would not have been.

B. Jesus claimed that He was the light of the world.

1. He received signal from the Father that it was time to act on this person's behalf.

2. Jesus' sending the blind man symbolizes the journey of the blind man coming to spiritual sight.

3. Jesus used spit, which caused controversy among the Jewish leadership because it was on the Sabbath. The blind man simply witnessed to the leadership in the controversy by telling them what Jesus had done for him.

C. Jesus had become before the blind man the one sent before God.

D. The blind man did not have to find Jesus—when he saw who the Messiah was, Jesus found him.

Application questions:

1. Why do people suffer?

2. What does Jesus' miracle symbolize on a deeper level?

3. What simple method of testimony did the blind man use that we can use today? Explain.
