

Sermon Outline

John 9 | Paul Merenda

Bible Passage: John 9:1-41

Jesus is the only source of physical and spiritual life and understanding, those who reject him will be guilty.

Memory verse – John 20:30-31
³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John's Metaphors	
Light	Darkness
Daytime	Night-time
Sight	Blindness
Life	Death
Understanding	Wilful ignorance
Good	Evil
Righteousness	Sin

1. Jesus is the light of the world: who grants physical life to prove his identity (v1-7)

- The blind beggar.
- Jesus' claim: "I am the light of the world".



"in [Jesus] was life and that **life** was the **light** of all mankind. The light shines in darkness and the darkness has not **understood** it." (John 1:4-5)

- Jesus' proof: the sign of healing the blind man.

2. Jesus is the light of the world: who grants spiritual life and understanding to see his true identity (v8-34)

- The controversy: some see Jesus clearly others are blind; some are in the light about Jesus and others are in the dark.
- The Pharisees have spiritual blindness.
- The Blind man has spiritual sight.

3. Jesus the light of the world: who has mercy on the humble and judges the proud who reject his identity (v35-41)

- The humble see.
- The prideful are judged.

"I want to tell the world that miracles still do happen. God works them in His own time. I want to tell the world to trust in God and to always have hope and belief that a miracle will happen.

I want to tell families never to give up hope, to be strong and determined. These qualities will help them through difficult times. They need to communicate this to their loved one, because even many people in a coma can hear and think. They are sensitive to their environment and need to be aware of their family's strong hope and faith in them.

My situation has often seemed intolerable. I still cannot walk, talk and eat properly. I need a daily team of dedicated carers to help me in all aspects of daily life. But I have been sustained by all the loving people around me.

Above all, I want to tell my family that I love them dearly, and I will be grateful to them forever, for standing by me in such a tragic situation. I want to talk to them every day and tell them I love them. They have suffered as much as me in a different way, but they are strong and have great faith in God, which has encouraged and supported me.

I step forward in faith daily. I trust in God to see me through this situation wherever he takes me. There is no other way.

I know His peace,
His loving arms around me,
I will be content.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, but one has to find the way there. I have found that light and, with God's help, it will lead me on into the future."

Airlie Jane Kirkham (from her autobiography *There is a Light at the end of the tunnel*, 2017, p.81)