

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10 So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 21 But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28 And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

The Crabb family sings a song that says:

**"He came looking for me"**

**"He made a way, when there was no way that I could see".**

**"When I drifted far, Jesus was near, to rescue my soul and calm all my fears."**

**"Now I'm safe from all harm, since I met the One who came looking for me"**

Aren't you glad that Jesus came looking for you? Often, we hear new believers say, "I found Jesus", but the reality is that Jesus found them. Jesus stated His purpose for coming to earth in Luke 19:10, **"the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."**

There are many examples of Jesus seeking and calling out certain individuals in the Bible.

1) Jesus called Andrew & Peter to be His Disciples. Matthew 4:18-19 reads, **"While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."**

2) Jesus called James & John to be His Disciples. Mark 1:19 reads, **"And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him."**

3) Jesus called Zacchaeus unto Himself. **"And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said to him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house."**

Listen to what Jesus said to His disciples in John 15:16. **"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go & bear fruit & that your fruit should abide."**

Because of His marvelous grace Jesus calls us unto salvation.

Today's Gospel lesson has Jesus walking through an area. He notices a beggar who has been blind since birth. Jesus spit on the ground. Made some clay and then He put it on the man's eyes. He instructed the man to **"go and wash in the pool of Siloam."** The blind man obeyed and received his sight! The townspeople asked the man what had happened.

**"He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So, I went and washed and received my sight."**

The Pharisees, rather than rejoicing that a blind man could now see, had a completely different reaction. They accused Jesus of being a sinner and this man responded by saying **"Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."**

**They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"**

I love the way he responded, he said "I have already told you once and you didn't listen. Why do you want me to tell you again? Do you want to become His Disciples also?" This infuriated them even more. **"And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."**

The man who had been healed went on to testify about Jesus. He said, **"Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, & yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."** They answered him, **"You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?"**  
**And they cast him out.**

When Jesus heard that they had cast the man out, He went looking for him. When Jesus found him, He did something greater than He had done before. Earlier in the day Jesus healed this man physically. Now Jesus is about to heal him spiritually and eternally.

What Jesus did for this man, He can and will do for you today! Jesus heard they had cast him out. Finding him he said, **"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"**

Notice the phrase "when He had found him." Jesus heard that this man had been cast out by the Pharisees. And Jesus cared enough for him that He took the time to search him out. When He found Him, Jesus asked him a very important question. **"do you believe in the Son of Man?"** This is an invitation to salvation.

When conversing with Nicodemus back in Chapter 3, Jesus explains that belief in Him is necessary for salvation. **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."** John 3:16-18

Jesus cared enough to give this blind man his sight. But even greater is the fact that He was willing to give a spiritually dead man a new life. Jesus has the power to do anything He chooses in your life. He can restore your marriage. He can bring a financial blessing into your life. He can heal you physically. He can deliver you from addiction. He has the power to do these and many more things in your life. But the greatest thing that He can do for you is to save your soul. The Bible tells us that Jesus seeks to save lost sinners.

You may not believe that it is possible for you to be saved. You may have it in your mind that God could never forgive you for the places that you've been. For the things that you have said and the things that you have done. You may consider yourself an outcast in this world. Good. Outcasts were the very people that we see Jesus reaching out to in the Bible. In fact, the man in this passage had just been cast out by the religious crowd. The religious folk may discard you. But Jesus will never abandon you!

How will you respond to His invitation to salvation? Will you accept His offer, or will you reject it? Let me encourage you to put your faith in the One who came looking for you!

**He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you."**

After Jesus asked this man if he believed in the Son of God, he asked Jesus "who is He, Lord?" Jesus said, "I am He." Jesus clearly reveals Himself as the Son of God. He is the Savior. He is God in the flesh! Jesus is the very source of salvation. He said of Himself in John 14:6, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me.**"

Jesus is God's Son who became man. Lived a sinless life. Died on the cross for your sins and rose from the grave. Sin separated you from God both now and in eternity. But by Jesus' death on the cross and by His resurrection, He has made it possible for you to be forgiven.

Jesus saw what was coming by way of the cross. He knew what laid ahead. He foresaw the beating of the Roman whip with the metal attached to the ends that would rip the skin from His back. He saw that same blood that would run down His arm. Drip off his elbow as the nails were driven into His hands. He saw that same blood dripping off His toes. Down to the foot of the cross as nails were driven into His feet. He saw that same blood as a crown of thorns was placed on His head. He saw that same blood run down His forehead onto His eyebrows. Down onto His eyelashes and into His eyes and blur His vision.

But wait!!! The blood might have blurred His human vision but, Jesus was God in the flesh. He saw that blood as salvation to who so ever would come to Him. He saw you and me as we came to that cross. That blood washed away our sins and give us life eternal. He could see the defeat of death and the fall of Satan. He could see the plans of a Heavenly home for you and for me Just as the blind man realized that Jesus was the Son of God, you must realize that Jesus is your only hope of salvation. There was nothing that this man could do to help himself physically or spiritually. Everything that happened to him, happened because of Jesus. You can't do anything about your spiritual condition, but Jesus can. He is the only answer for your sin problem. Trust in him and receive the salvation that He is offering you today

Earlier in the day Jesus changed this man's life. Now He will change his eternal destiny. Jesus revealed to this man that He was the Son of God. He extended an invitation to receive salvation and this man gladly accepted that offer. Notice that he didn't have to do anything to be saved other than to put his trust in the Son of God. This is because salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone. As we trust in Jesus we too pass from death to life.

Jesus said in John 5:24, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment but has passed from death to life.”**

There is no doubt in my mind that this man's life was never the same again. You have the same opportunity After the invitation, the revelation and the transformation... this man responded by worshipping Jesus. Here is a man who had been cast out of his lifelong religious community. But Jesus sought him out and found him. He invited him to be saved. The man accepted Jesus' offer and was changed immediately. And he responded by worshipping Jesus.

This is the very last thing we ever hear about this man. We don't know the details about the rest of his life. But I am confident that he continued worshipping Jesus. That is the natural response of those who have truly met the Savior. This man is in Heaven right now and worshipping Jesus as we speak.

If you have been touched by the Master... if He has sought you out, called your name, and brought you from death unto life I hope that you spend your days worshipping Him. Jesus is worthy of our worship and adoration!

In verse 35 Jesus asked this man "**do you believe in the Son of God?**" That is a question that you must answer as well. Do you believe in the Son of God? Jesus is your only hope of salvation and He came looking for you! He left the glories of Heaven. He came to be the sacrifice for your sins. He is extending an invitation for you to be saved. As you put your faith in Him you receive salvation. Jesus can change your life just as He did for this blind man. When He does, you will likely respond in the same way, you will worship Jesus, the Son of God! And then you can tell the world about the day "When Jesus Came Looking For You."