
The Sight of Jesus

Witnessing the Works of Jesus

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Sermon: Witnessing the Works of Jesus: The Sight of Jesus

Current Series (Witnessing the Works of Jesus) Messages:

- John 9: ***4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.***
- Subject: **The Blessings of Jesus** (Revelation, Impartation, Ordination)
- Subject: **The Healing of Jesus** (Wounds, Conditions, Fears of the Broken Heart)
- Subject: **The Deliverance of Jesus** (Cycle, Mind, and Control of Captivity)

Lesson Text

John 4:5–10 (AV)⁵ Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour. ⁷ There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, ***Give me to drink.*** ⁸ (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) ⁹ Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto her, ***If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.***

John 4:13–19 (AV)¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, ***Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*** ¹⁵ The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. ¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, ***Go, call thy husband, and come hither.*** ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, ***Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.*** ¹⁹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

John 4:20–24 (AV)²⁰ Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. ²¹ Jesus saith unto her, ***Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.***

John 4:27–30 (AV)²⁷ And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? ²⁸ The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, ²⁹ Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? ³⁰ Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

Introduction

We've been looking at the five works of Jesus in Luke 4:18, to be witnesses of them!

Luke 4:18–19 (AV)¹⁸ **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ¹⁹To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**

Jesus gives us 5 things he was anointed to do.

1. Preach the Gospel to the Poor
2. Heal the Broken Hearted
3. Deliver the Captives
- 4. Recover Sight to the Blind**
5. Set at Liberty the Bruised

Last week we looked the third Work: **The Deliverance of Jesus**

- **To Break the Cycle of Captivity, we must Change our Environment.**
- **To Break the Mind of Captivity, we must Change our Hearts.**
- **To Break the Control of Captivity, we must Change our Spirit.**

Today we want to look at the 4th Work of Jesus, to Recover Sight to the Blind.

From our Lesson text we see three types of Sight that people have been blinded to:

1. The first type of Sight is Perception: The ability to see, hear, or become aware! This is about Discernment. The woman was blinded to who she was talking to!
2. The second type of Sight is Inspection: The ability to examine, review, or scrutinize! This is about Judgement. There were questions at the time about true worship!
3. The final type of Sight is Vision: The ability to see the big picture beyond what's in front of you. This is about Foresight. The disciples could not see how an entire city was about to be blessed because all they could see was the Woman.

We live in a world where people around us are blinded. They can't perceive truth, they are afraid to inspect truth, and they have no vision of the truth.

And it is our Job to get to work witnessing the truth and recover sight to the blind!

Series and Sermon: Witnessing the Works of Jesus: The Sight of Jesus

Recovering the Perception, Inspection, and Vision of Sight

I. Recovering the Perception of Sight (Discernment)

John 4:¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.**

The first type of sight that people are blinded to is the Perception of Sight, or Discernment!

We live in a world where people don't perceive the true presence and essence of Jesus.

For some people it's because they have not truly met Him, for others it's because of the behavior of those who claim to know Him. But in either case, there's a misperception of Him.

John 4: ⁹ Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

To Recover Perception, we must Hear Jesus

John 4: ¹⁹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

How did she perceive Jesus? She started hearing Jesus and not listening to him.

John 4: ¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, **Go, call thy husband, and come hither.** ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, **Thou hast well said, I have no husband: ¹⁸ For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.**

Jesus is working all around us, but we have to stop looking at people, stop looking things, stop looking at issues, and start hearing Jesus.

Revelation 3:22 (AV) ²² He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (AV) ⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Romans 10:17 (AV) ¹⁷ So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

II. Recovering the Inspection of Sight (Judgement)

John 4: ²⁰ Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

The second type of sight people are blinded to is the Inspection of Sight, or Judgement!

We've allowed our contemporary nomenclature and society to make judgement a bad thing.

“Don't Judge Me!”; “Who are you to Judge?”; “You're being Judgmental”!

But Judgement or Judgmental is the ability to make considered decisions or come to sensible conclusions; to decide or give verdict. To decide after carefully weighing the evidence.

And because society has made this a bad word, we live in a world where no one inspects or makes judgements between right and wrong any more.

We have leaders that lie to our faces, and we just shrug it off as “Oh Well”; that's their opinion.

John 4: ²² **Ye worship ye know not what: ...**

Some worship money, others power, job, career, people, tribes or cliques; but they don't know

To Recover Inspection, we must Worship Jesus

But we are called to judge, called to inspect, called to know!

Matthew 7:15–16 (AV)¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ¹⁶ Ye shall know them by their fruits.

John 8:32 (AV)³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

So how do we know the truth, get the truth, judge and inspect the truth? Through Worship!

John 4: ²³ But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. ²⁴ God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

III. Recovering the Vision of Sight (Foresight)

John 4:²⁷ And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

The Sight of Jesus is about Recovering of Sight to the Blind

- **To Recover Perception, we must Hear Jesus**
- **To Recover Inspection, we must Worship Jesus**
- **To Recover Vision, we must See Jesus**

The final type of sight people are blinded to is the Vision of Sight, or Foresight!

John 4:(NLT)²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?"

The reason why these disciples and people in general don't have vision or foresight is because they are looking people, at the situation, at the circumstance; and cannot see the bigger picture.

All they could see was a woman of Samaria, a half-breed, a minority, a person who wasn't worthy. And when our eyes are on people, places, things, circumstances or situations, we have no vision.

Proverbs 29:18 (AV)¹⁸ Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

To Recover Vision, we must See Jesus

Instead of looking the woman, people, circumstances, or situations, we need to look at Jesus.

What was important was not who Jesus was looking at, but that fact that Jesus was looking! And why was Jesus Looking?

John 4: ²⁹ Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? ³⁰ **Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.**

We need to Stop Looking and Start Seeing:

- Stop Looking at people and start Seeing Jesus
- Stop Looking at circumstances and start Seeing Jesus
- Stop Looking at our money and start Seeing Jesus

- Stop Looking at our situations and start Seeing Jesus

1 John 3:² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Romans 4:¹⁷ ... *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Psalms 121:1 (AV)¹ I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Sight of Jesus)

Lesson Text

John 4:5–30

Sermon Outline

- I. Recovering the Perception of Sight (Discernment)
 - a. To Recover Perception, we must Hear Jesus
- II. Recovering the Inspection of Sight (Judgement)
 - a. To Recover Inspection, we must Worship Jesus
- III. Recovering the Vision of Sight (Foresight)
 - a. To Recover Vision, we must See Jesus

Questions

- I. Getting to Know “Me”**
 1. Which of the Characters in our Lesson text do you or have you most identified with (The Woman, The Disciples, The People in the City, Jesus)? Why?
 2. What is the message that we can learn from the Character you identified with?
- II. Into the Bible**
 1. What is the Significance of Jacob’s Well?
 2. Who were the Samaritans and why did the Jews have not dealings with them?
 3. What was the Mountain that the Samaritans worshiped at and why?
- III. Life Application**
 1. Which of the types of sight discussed in the Sermon comes naturally to you, and which type are you most challenged with?
 2. Is there any person, place, things, situation, or circumstance that has blinded you to any of the sights discussed in the Sermon? What might you now do to recover your sight in the future?