

## The Healing Of Jesus

### Introduction

1. Using blindness as a defense in traffic court.
2. Ezekiel 12:2
3. Matthew 13:15

### Text:

John 9

### Thesis:

Jesus has the power to heal my attitude about sin, my attitude about worship and my attitude about others.

### Discussion:

Jesus has the power to heal my attitude about:

#### I. Sin (The disciples had a flawed view of sin.)

##### A. Everyone is Guilty of sin.

###### 1. Romans 3:23

a) Romans 6:23

b) Even with all the economic cut backs, the wages of sin will remain constant.

###### 2. 1 John 1:8

a) Are we deceived still?

b) Genesis 3:1-5

c) Satan lies that there are no tragic consequences for sin.

d) John 8:44

e) Genesis 3:6-7

##### B. Sin has consequences.

###### 1. Deuteronomy 22:22-24

a) Tragic, sudden and swift.

b) Can we be fooled into thinking mercy is weakness?

###### 2. John 8:1-11

a) Jesus showed mercy.

b) How many of us stand among those with rocks in their hands?

###### 3. Romans 12:19

###### 4. Matthew 7:3-5

##### C. Sin will prevent me from reaching Heaven.

###### 1. Matthew 13:41-42

###### 2. Sin is a big deal!

##### D. Jesus can heal my sin.

#### II. Worship (The blind man's parents had a flawed view of worship)

##### A. God is the audience.

###### 1. Exodus 34:14

14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

a) God wants our best, the first fruits.

(1) Exodus 23:19

(2) Numbers 28:3

(3) Is our best simply mumbling during the song service?

(4) Is our best talking during worship and distracting others?

(5) Is our best texting with phones during worship?

(6) Is our best so concerned about the clock counting down each minute as if it were time to leave the dentist's office?

(a) If a person abuses his teeth, trips to the dentist are very unpleasant.

(b) If a person abuses his soul with the filth of the world and apathy, attending worship is unpleasant.

(7) Could these be signs I am not prepared to worship?

- b) We have an entire week to prepare for worship.
  - (1) We have 168 hours in a week.
  - (2) We spend an average of 50 hours per week working.
  - (3) We spend an average of 56 hours per week asleep or resting.
  - (4) We spend an average of 21 hours per week watching television.
  - (5) We spend an average of 21 hours per week maintaining our bodies. (Eating, showering, etc.)
  - (6) We spend an average of 14 hours per week in our automobiles.
  - (7) This totals 162 of the 168 hours we have in a week.
  - (8) What do we do with the other six hours?

2. Matthew 4:10

- a) Satan wants to draw our attention away.
  - (1) Keeps us busy with "good" things like community volunteering.
  - (2) Keeps our minds focused on our wants in this world.
- b) Satan wants us to sit at the altar of the computer or work or ball or band or karate.
  - (1) Satan wants to steal our children and give us excuse to "Temporarily" put God in second place.
  - (2) Satan wants to destroy our families while we chase not the important but the urgent items of the day.
- c) Satan wants us so tired from over extending ourselves that our worship is simply an act.

3. John 4:23-24

- a) How can I worship the Great Gift Giving God when I have given away all my spirit to chase worldly things?
- b) Does God simply request our left-overs?

B. Who or what is at fault for less than moving worship?

- 1. The one who leads the prayer?
- 2. The song leader or the songs?
- 3. The preacher or the sermon?
- 4. My forgetting who is the audience?
- 5. My impatience with varying skill levels of leadership?
- 6. My thinking, "I should 'get' something out of worship"?

C. Jesus can heal my worship.

- 1. First I must open my eyes and recognize worship.
- 2. Next I must offer up worship to the God for which it was designed.

III. Others (The Pharisees had a flawed view of love)

A. Example...

- 1. Luke 18:10-14
- 2. 1 Timothy 4:12-13
- 3. 1 Peter 2:21

B. Drawing lines over who we will love.

- 1. Someone must act according to my tradition in order for me to love them.
- 2. The Pharisees were so hung up on their traditions that some had the boldness to accuse Christ of being a sinner because he healed the blind man on the Sabbath.

C. I can't hate my brother and love Jesus.

- 1. 1 John 3:10-15
- 2. 1 John 4:20-21

D. Jesus can heal my love.

- 1. Ephesians 5:25
- 2. Jesus was willing to die for the Church and did so.
- 3. Will we love the Church, and hold our brothers and sisters in high esteem?

**Conclusion**

- 1. Matthew 13:16