We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

**Blind Made to See – John Chapter 9**

In this lesson we will be studying the account of Jesus healing a man who was born blind. We will see that Jesus, the master teacher, deals with physical and spiritual blindness.

**READ JOHN CHAPTER 9 VERSES 1-23**

**READ JOHN CHAPTER 9 VERSES 24-41**

**Verses 9:1-2 –** The disciples make the same assumption as three of Job’s friends made. You are suffering therefore you have committed sin. The disciples are corrected by the Lord here.

**Verses 9:3-5 –** Jesus proclaims He is the Light of the world. He can make the physically blind to see and the spiritually blind to see.

**Verses 9:6-12 –** The man born blind is healed. This is fulfillment of prophecy (**Isaiah 35:4-10**).

**Verses 9:13-34**

* What is missing? Praise and thanks to God by the parents and the Pharisees that the Lord has granted this miracle and the man can now see!
* The formerly blind man is remarkably honest (**verses 15, 17, 25, 27, 30-33**).
* The Pharisee’s spiritual blindness is obvious (**verses 16, 24, 28-29**).
* Parents give in to community peer pressure. Many times we warn children about this. But many times it is us older people that give into it (**verses 18-23**).
* **Verse 32 –** This is still the case today!
* Pharisees assume the same as the disciples at the beginning of the chapter and Job’s three friends (**verse 34**).

**Verses 9:35-41**

* Jesus shows true compassion (**verse 35**).
* The formerly blind man now sees Jesus physically and spiritually (**verses 36-38**). If we look for the Lord, He will seek us out and find us!
* Jesus notes the blindness of the Pharisees (**verses 39-41**).

**A notable miracle as referenced in John 10:19-21 and 11:33-37!**

**Consider Saul of Tarsus (Acts 7:57, 8:1-4, 9:1-20)**

* Saul was blinded by his own ambitions. Was an example of the warning of Jesus ( **John 16:2).** He neglected to see God’s will and Jesus as the Messiah.
* Ironically, Saul was blinded three days after seeing the Lord.
* God through Ananias gives Paul his sight. Now he sees clearly physically and spiritually.
* Immediately teaches Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God!

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* Some of the blind Pharisees begin to see, even some of the priests (**Acts 6:7**).
* **Acts chapter 10,** the Gentiles who were blinded now can see!

**Peter teaches about being short-sighted, even to blindness (2 Peter 1:5-11)**

**CONCLUSIONS**

* Jesus Heals the man born blind, physically and spiritually!
* Jesus continues to heal the spiritually blind.
* Christians can lose our focus and become short-sighted to blindness (**Matthew 7:13-14**).
* If you are not a Christian, Jesus The Light, wants you to see Him as the Son of God and wants you to put Him on in baptism (**John 1:1-5, Galatians 3:26-27**)!

Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 9am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; **oakridgechurch.com**; [**larry.paden@oakridgechurch.com**](mailto:larry.paden@oakridgechurch.com)**,** [**murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com**](mailto:murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com)**;** (865) 693-1416.

In two weeks, on **June 21, 2021**, we plan to air a rerun. For our next live program on **July 7, 2021** we hope to study, **"Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead.”** We hope to see you next time on "**Speaking The Truth In Love**".