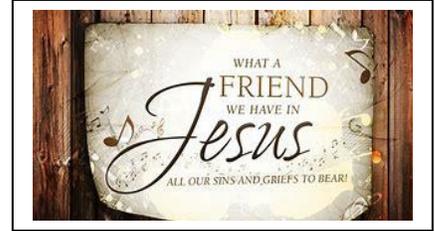


What A Friend: Getting to Know Jesus through the Gospel of John
February 7, 2021 @ 9:15 AM
John 9: Jesus and the Blind Man
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- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Opening Devotional- Psalm 28:6-9
- C. Behind the Scenes:
 1. Up to this point in John's gospel, Jesus has performed many _____ miracles.
 2. Many of Jesus' disciples desert him because his teachings became "too _____." (see John 6:60-71)
 3. Jesus purposely stays away from _____ because he knows that there are people there who want to kill him. (see John 7:1)
 4. Jesus returns to Jerusalem during the Feast of the Tabernacles in _____, not publicly. (see John 7:10)
 5. After staying behind the scenes for several days, Jesus begins to _____ publicly.
 6. There is much confusion and uncertainty about Jesus' _____. (see John 7-8)
 7. A woman caught in adultery was brought before Jesus to see how he would punish her. This was a set-up to _____ Jesus. (see John 8)
 8. Jesus suggests that he is the _____, and this infuriates the Jewish leaders. (8:58)
 9. The Jewish leaders pick up stones to kill Jesus, but Jesus _____ away. (8:59)
(Stoning someone was the proper penalty for blasphemy)
- D. Getting Into the Story: Read John 9:1-12
 1. This is another "_____ on the way" story.
 2. We know that this man is blind and also _____ for money.
 3. The disciples want to give a _____ for the man's blindness.
 4. While others are concerned about his blindness, Jesus points to _____ God's abilities displayed.
 5. Giving sight to the blind was predicted by the prophet _____ as a Messianic activity.
- E. Who Sinned: Our understanding of a causal relationship between sin and hardship?
 1. We live in a cause-and-effect world.
 - a. The early bird gets the _____.
 - b. Those who _____ get good grades.
 - c. You eat your _____, and you will be healthy.
 - d. You work hard and you will get a _____.

2. We want to be able to rationalize away why bad things happen to people.
 - a. Their _____ brought on their downfall.
 - b. Their _____ habits led to their demise.
 - c. Their _____ addition led to their bankruptcy.
 - d. Their _____ contributed to the divorce.
3. Why do bad things happen to people?
 - a. Some would suggest the universe has no inherent _____ or design.
 - b. Because we live in an _____ place.
 - c. Because we have _____ faults and frailties.
 - d. Because we have _____ will and are not puppets on a string.
4. The disciples were asking the wrong question:
 - a. Instead of asking who sinned, we should ask what God _____ do.
 - b. Instead of looking at problems, we should look at _____.
 - c. Instead of dwelling on despair, we should concentrate on _____.

F. Jesus' Response:

1. Jesus stops and spends _____ with the man.
2. Jesus points to a greater reality, the _____ of God.
3. Jesus gets his hands _____ to bring healing to the man.
4. Jesus sends the man away and he becomes a _____ to the power of God.

G. Take Aways:

1. Keep the _____ of God in mind.
2. When we are down to _____, God's up to something.
3. How can we be witnesses to the power of God?

H. Closing Comments and Prayer

Remaining Class Schedule:

February 14 John 11: Jesus and Mary and Martha

February 21 John 21: Jesus and Peter