

*DO YOU HAVE*

A

**SPIRITUAL  
BLIND-SPOT**

# Got Any Blind Spots?

**John 9:35-41**

## **Part 1**

When you drive, you encounter "blind spots"—it could be part of your own car or it could be a tree that hides traffic on the other side. Those blind spots hinder both progress and ultimately, safety. When Jesus healed a blind man in Jerusalem,

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the same man was also healed of his spiritual blindness. But others who thought their spiritual perception was keen were as blind as a bat! As we consider this story, can you think of any blind spots in your spiritual journey?

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(v. 35)

Rejection by Earthly Religionists

Blind man cast out of the synagogue

Kicked out of Jewish life altogether; spiritually  
and socially

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Three levels of being cast out

Stay in your house, isolated for one week

Nidui - Publicly reprimanded, isolated for 7-30  
days

Cherem - Indefinite, cast out for life

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It is a privilege to be cast out of some places

Martin Luther - believed in the Bible

John Calvin

Accepted by Heavenly Representative

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Jesus found him

Kicked out of temple - Lord of the temple goes  
to find him

Rejected by man's religious-Son of God from  
heaven finds, accepts him

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Rejected on earth, accepted in heaven -  
Alexander Maclaren

Jesus style

"Whoever comes to me, I will by no means cast  
out"—John 6:37



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"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save  
that which was lost."-Luke 19:10

Leave the 99 sheep for the sake of one  
wandering sheep—Matthew 18:12-14

## II. the Most Important Priority—*That We Believe* (vv. 35-37)

### Question about Faith

You! Do you believe? -arrest attention; focus and emphasize spiritual need

Jesus targeted those He healed so that He might be glorified and others might believe in Him

Faith is more valuable than health. —Matthew 5:29

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Question about Identity

The man had been waiting his whole life for  
Messiah

Show me that I may believe

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Ready to believe

Highest priority is that you believe in Jesus Christ –John 3:16

Believe-not to acknowledge God exists, but to commit to, rely on, adhere to

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C.H. Spurgeon-98 percent of the people he met—including the criminals he visited in England's prisons—told him that they believed the Bible to be true. But the vast majority had never made a personal, life-changing commitment to Jesus Christ. For them, "believe" was not an active verb.

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Do you believe

The blind man now with his sight

He can see now

Show me that I might believe

I believe