

The Art of Encountering Jesus

“Encountering Sight”

John 9:1-41

Jesus could be the one, you could be the next, today could be the day!

Suffering sets the table for God’s glory (vv. 1-12)

How is God seeking to reveal His glory through your suffering?

If Jesus doesn’t fit into your box, the problem isn’t Jesus (vv. 13-34)

What box do you need to let go of in order to receive Jesus?

If you think you can see, watch out! (vv. 35-41)

What blind spots might you have?

If you’re blind, hear and believe Jesus, and see! (vv. 35-41)

What do you believe about Jesus?

___ He is an amazing man. ___ He is a prophet sent from God. ___ He is Lord and God.

Will you trust in Jesus to forgive your sin, make you a child of God, and give you eternal life?

___ Yes I made this decision before today. (Approximate date: _____)
___ Yes, I choose to call on Jesus today for salvation.
___ No, I choose not to call on Jesus today for salvation.

FOR FURTHER ACTION AND REFLECTION

- Memorize John 20:31
- Read Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 4, 1 Corinthians 2, Job
- Read “Six Pillars of a Christian View on Suffering” by Matt Smethurst <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/6-pillars-of-a-christian-view-on-suffering/>
- Listen to “Is He Worthy” by Chris Tomlin <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FkRiYsTN7KY>
- Listen to “Hills and Valleys” by Tauren Wells https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iDuZv_5MQk
- Listen to “Even If” by Mercy Me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6fA35Ved-Y>

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. How would you answer someone who asks you to explain why God allows for suffering? What Scriptures might you use?
3. Describe a time when God worked through your suffering to bring about His glory. How was God glorified?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10. What do we learn about suffering from this passage?
5. We talked about the danger of trying to “fit Jesus into our box.” What does this mean? What are ways that we do this today?
6. In what ways did Jesus defy the expectations people had of Messiah?
7. Read Luke 4:14-21. In what ways did Jesus fulfill prophecy according to this verse?
8. What are some “blind spots” you need to beware of in your own spiritual journey?