

30 March 2014 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23; Eph. 5:8–14; John 9:1–41.



INTRO: *The Works of God* – John 9:3, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that **the works of God** might be displayed in him.”



I. REVEAL WHO Jesus is!

A. Jesus – the Man!

John 9:11, He replied, “**The man** they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

B. Jesus – the Prophet!

John 9:17, Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man replied, “**He is a prophet.**”

C. Jesus – the Son of Man!

John 3:35-38, “Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in **the Son of Man**?” “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.”

Matthew 16:15-17, “But what about you?” he asked. “**Who do you say I am?**” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not **revealed to you** by flesh and blood, but **by my Father in heaven.**”



II. REVEAL WHY Jesus came!

Matthew 16:21, “From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he **must be killed** and on the third day be raised to life.”

Mark 10:45, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, **and to give his life as a ransom for many.**”



III. DISPLAY the ministry of Jesus.

John 9:3, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God **might be displayed in him.**”

Display – to make manifest or visible or known what has been hidden or unknown.

John 14:12, “Very truly I tell you, **whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing**, and they will do **even greater things** than these, because I am going to the Father.” **How** does this happen?



A. Empty. Philippians 2:6-7, “Although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but **emptied Himself**, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.”



B. Fill. Luke 3:21, “When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and **the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove**. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 4:1, “Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.” **Luke 4:14**, “Jesus returned to Galilee **in the power of the Spirit**, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.”

Ephesians 5:18, “ever be filled *and* stimulated with the Holy Spirit,”
MSG: **Drink the Spirit of God, huge draughts of him.**”

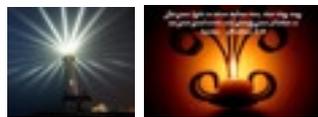


C. Follow.

John 9:6-7, “After saying this, he **spit** on the ground, **made** some mud with the saliva, and **put it on** the man’s eyes. “Go,” he **told him**, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.”

NIV Study Bible Commentary: “Jesus used variety in his cures.”

John 5:19, “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; **he can do only what he sees his Father doing**, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”



CONCLUSION: A City on a Hill... **Matthew 5:16**, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see **your good works**, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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