

JOHN 8-9

8 ¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, **“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”...**

9 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing...

³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.



Reflection / discussion questions

Can you relate to this experience of being in the dark spiritually? What do you make of Jesus' claim to be the light of the world?

JOHN 8:12

I am the light of the world

- feeling like a mushroom

We are in the dark

- physical blindness (the picture)
- spiritual blindness (the reality)
 - o present darkness
 - o ultimate darkness ¹

Jesus is the light

- opens blind eyes
 - o claim
 - o proof
 - o response
- blinds 'open' eyes

¹ Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 25:30