

A. GREAT LIGHT: ***‘Galilee...The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.’*** (Isaiah 9:1-2)

Galilee in the north. Fisherman and Foreigners. Considered *spiritually ignorant and idolatrous*. ***Jesus based his ministry there in Capernaum.***

Jerusalem in the religious south. The City of Peace – and Pharisees. Jesus in Jerusalem at least four X. (John 2:13, 5:21, 10:22; 12:12)

B. DAY LIGHT: ***‘he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ John 9:2***

Imagine living life without sight!
Neither this man nor his parents sinned This happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. John 9:3

As long as it is day we must do the works of him who sent me.

Night is coming, when no one can work...I am the light of the world.’

‘Day’ and ‘Night’ are contrasting, biblical imagery for the Truth and for Sin. (Rom 13:12-13)

The healing of the blind man (the 7th of 8 miracle signs in John) has four movements.
9:1-7 Action 9:8-23 Interrogation 9:24-34 Excommunication 9:35-38 Recognition
Jesus saw a man with a congenital disease. *His disciples saw a theological problem.*
Some of the man’s neighbors saw a miracle. *The Pharisees saw a religious violation.*

Two questions circle around Jesus’ identity. **Neighbors: ‘How then were your eyes opened?’** (9:10) **Pharisees: ‘What have you to say about him?’** (9:17) These questions direct us to the unfolding in four stages of the man’s progressive understanding

9:11 ‘The man they call Jesus.’ 9:17 ‘He is a prophet.’ 9:33 ‘this man... from God.’ 9:38 “‘Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him’. Man – Prophet – From God – Lord.

The healed man was excluded from the synagogue, Jesus found him and asked him: ***‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ‘Who is he, sir? Tell me so I may believe in him.’*** Jesus said, ***‘You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.’*** (9:35-36) *In Jesus’ presence and by hearing his word that the healed man can now truly see.*

C. MY LIGHT: ‘One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!’ (9:24-25)

He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption...forgiveness of sins.
Colossians 1:13-14

Jesus calls us to share gospel light to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light
Acts 26:17-18