



Session Five:
What it Takes To See Jesus
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Who are the most likely people to make God's guest list? If you and I were handling the recruitment process for heaven, we would probably go for a different slice of humanity than Jesus did. Seems like the most logical were the most lost, and the least desirable were the most responsive. If life doesn't seem to make sense, eternal life can appear even more unfathomable!

Chances are, we would have tossed the blind beggar a quarter and passed him by...but not Jesus. Linger a while as we catch some tidbits from what went on that day in the temple, when religious men pronounced God guilty and needy men received an invitation to the Kingdom!

1. The Confusion of the Masses

- Sins of the past . . .
Circumstances of the present
John 9:1-2

2. The Clarification of the Master

- Circumstances of the present...
Opportunities of the future
John 9:3-5
John 9:39-41

3. The Consequences of the Miracle

- The event
John 9:6-7
- The aftermath
John 9:8-12
- The interrogation
John 9:13-33
- The censure
John 9:34
- The culmination
John 9:35-38

Five Requirements to Experience the Work of God

1. Recognition of Need
2. Contact with Truth
3. Willingness to Respond
4. Clarity of Thought
5. Decision to Believe

Essence

"Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'...Then the man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and he worshiped him."

John 9:35,38