

**He has the Final Say**  
**LENT ONE2026 - Gospel of John**  
**March 22, 2026**  
**John 9:35-41**

**Sermon Points:**

**I. Introduction: Encountering the Light of the World**

- **The Reality of Darkness:** Living in permanent darkness is an overwhelming experience, but no encounter with Jesus is ever by chance.
- **A Life-Changing Meeting:** Jesus, the Light of the World, meets a man blind from birth.

**II. The Work of God vs. Human Questioning**

- **Reframing the Problem:** While the disciples treated the man as a theological question about sin, Jesus focused on doing the works of God.
- **A Unique Act of Healing:** Jesus spat on the ground, made mud, and commanded the man to wash at the Pool of Siloam.
- **Simple Obedience:** The man demonstrated immediate faith through his actions, resulting in physical sight.

**III. The Up roar of Transformation (John 9:8-34)**

- **Community Confusion:** The neighbors who knew the man as a beggar struggled to reconcile his new identity.
  - *“The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’...”* (John 9:8-9).
- **Clash with Earthly Authority:** The Pharisees investigated the healing, focusing on their man-made rules regarding the Sabbath rather than the miracle itself.
- **The Lord of the Sabbath:** Jesus performed the miracle in a specific manner to highlight His final authority over those who claimed to speak for God.
  - *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”* (John 1:14).
- **A Bold Testimony:** Under aggressive questioning, the uneducated man provided the most profound theology.
  - *“One thing I do know, though I was blind, now I see.”* (John 9:25).

**IV. The Spiritual Revelation (John 9:35-41)**

- **The Final Say:** Though the religious leaders excommunicated the man, Jesus found him to offer a greater spiritual revelation.
- **Meeting the Son of Man:**
  - *“You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”* (John 9:36-37).
- **The Response of Worship:**
  - *“He said, ‘Lord, I believe,’ and he worshiped him.”* (John 9:38).

- **Judgment and Sight:** Jesus declares that He came so the blind will see and those who claim to see will become blind. The Pharisees' guilt remained because they rejected the Light.

#### V. Application: Addressing Our Own Blindness

- **Types of Blindness:** We all face "blind spots," whether they are physical, relational (stereotypes), or spiritual (failing to recognize God's voice).
- **The Sin of Self-Sufficiency:** The most insidiously "benign" sin is attempting to live in our own strength and wisdom, thinking we have the final say.
- **The Source of Life:** Human resources are insufficient for the crises of life; we need a relationship that roots us in the Source of Life.
- **Call to Action:**
  - *What is your response?*
- **Closing Truth:** Jesus is the Light of the World; through His grace, we who were blind can now see.

