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4th Sunday in Lent
"Be Light In The World"
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Ephesians 5: 8-14

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.

¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

¹³ But all things that are ¹⁴exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

¹⁴ Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light."

John 9: 1-41

¹ Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

² And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

⁴ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* 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 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

⁷ And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.



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⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was ^(b)blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"

⁹ Some said, "This is he." Others *said*, "He is like him." He said, "I am *he*."

¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

¹¹ He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

¹² Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.

¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

¹⁷ They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.

¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

²⁰ His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

²² His parents said these *things* because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed *that* He *was* Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."



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²⁵ He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

²⁶ Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

²⁷ He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it* again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

²⁸ Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples.

²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; *as for this fellow*, we do not know where He is from."

³⁰ The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!

³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

³⁴ They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

³⁸ Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

³⁹ And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

⁴⁰ Then *some* of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?"

⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.