



The Seven Signs: An Illuminating Sign

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Why Signs?

John 20:30-31

“30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”



A Coincidence?

John 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.””

Three Illuminations

- ▶ There is still light in the darkness of suffering
- ▶ The clock is ticking for the spiritually blind
- ▶ The power to open eyes can only come from God

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1 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.



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- ▶ The common question ... “Why?”
- ▶ The answer is not as simple as direct causation here
- ▶ A higher purpose
- ▶ The making of bread



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- ▶ The pandemic of spiritual blindness ... 2 Cor 4:4

The Clock

35 So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

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The Significance Of The Light Of The World

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The Pandemic Of Spiritual Blindness

4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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What The Bible Says



Psalm 146:8

“... 8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. ...”

Isaiah 42:6-7

““I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.”

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