

"With Jesus along the Road"

John 9:1-7, 35-41

Looking for someone to blame:

Is it me?
Is it you?
Is it God?

The question we all ask: Why?

Why do bad things happen...especially when I am good
Why is life unfair...especially when I am innocent
Why don't miracles happen...especially when I believe

A miracle that does not fit our paradigm:

Jesus is not asked: but it is for His glory
Jesus is not instant: but it is according to His time
Jesus is not present: but it through His grace

When Jesus acts, controversy erupts:

Most not understand
Many will have serious doubts
Some will be outwardly hostile

When Jesus seeks me out:

He enables faith: "Do you believe?"
He encourages worship: "You have now seen"
He enacts change: "For judgment I have come"

Becoming blind when I could see:

Denying the Truth...when He is revealed
Denying the Light...when He is shown
Denying the Son...when He is proclaimed

The question I most need to ask is not "Why?"

The question I must ask it "Who?"

Who is Jesus?
Who is Jesus to the world?
Who is Jesus to me?

Does my guilt remain?

1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

41 Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

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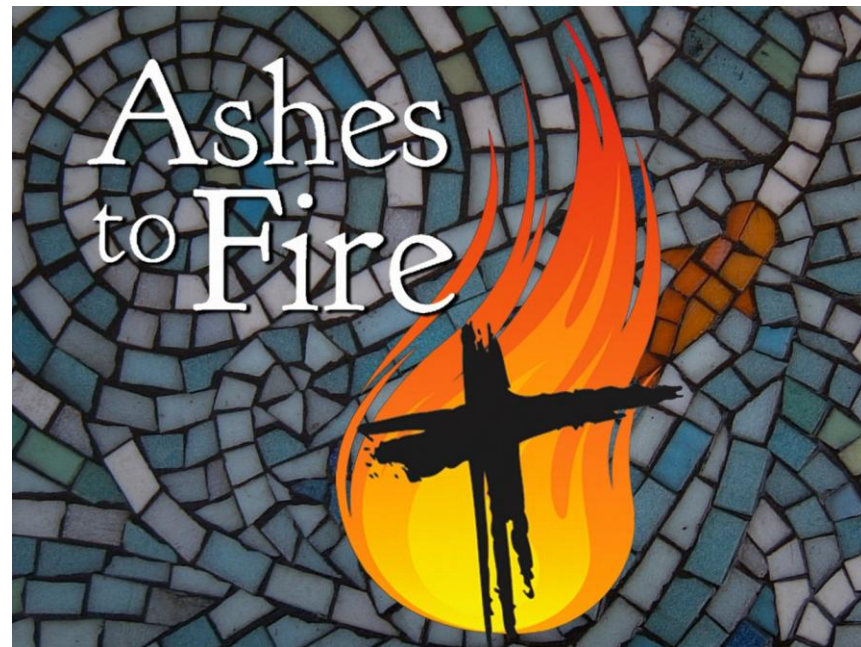
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