

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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## Are we blind also?

Have you ever helped anyone find their keys, to ultimately find them “hidden” in plain site? Have you turned and said, “Are you blind?” Many things can affect our vision.

People often say you can’t see the forest for the trees; meaning they are unable to understand what is important in a situation because they are giving too much attention to details. I often get caught up in the details of a good story or movie, and miss out on the actually story being told.

People today, similar to people in the past, cannot see Jesus for who He is, the Son of God. We look at many accounts where Jesus healed the sick, the lame, the blind, even raised loved ones from the dead, yet even some who were there scoffed, mocked, and ultimately killed Him for it.

Ask yourself, “where they blind?” I believe they were. Today people see Him as nothing more than just a man, a prophet. Are these people blind? - Yes.

What makes someone, who can see perfectly, blind to the fact that Jesus was the Son of God. Sometimes its our perspective, our pre-notions. However, most of the time it is our unwillingness to see. We have blinded ourselves.

This was the case of the Pharisees in John 9. Interestingly enough, the one who saw Jesus was already blind from birth.

## Are we blind also?

- \* John 9 : 6—14—Jesus heals a blind man.

Consider the reaction of the crowd:

Is this not he? How did this happen?

- \* Why were some of the Pharisees blind?

Pride

Prejudice

- \* Proverbs 21 : 24

Scoff—to treat with ridicule, mockery

- \* James 2 : 1—4

Partiality = judging with evil thoughts

- \* Why did their sins remain?

They were blinded by their pride and their prejudice

Acts 13 : 46

- \* How did the blind man see?

He was humble. His heart was open.

- \* What did he see?

A savior that was meek and lowly

Pharisees that were high and mighty

- \* Are you blinded by your pride, or have you humbled yourself?

Do not judge yourself to be unworthy of Jesus. Loose your pride, your prejudice and choose Life.