



Blind Worship

Read: John 9:1-41

In the gospel Jesus restores the sight of a blind man. Although Jesus heals the man, the real miracle occurred when he accepted Jesus as the messiah. Only then did the blind man *worship* him. Jesus has come not only to restore our brokenness, but more importantly to restore our hearts. Worship is the anthem of a grateful spirit.

True worship takes place on the inside, in the heart or spirit of the individual who has encountered Jesus (John 4:24). But this is not enough. Worship connects us with the truth about God and his work of redemption as revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. The book of Hebrews tells us “The blood of Jesus will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God” (9:14). Once we recognize who Jesus is and what he has done for us, our hearts become free to worship God. Worship is the result of a heart that has encountered God’s saving power and unconditional love.

However, worship cannot remain in a subjective vacuum. It must be connected to a sense of community and regular fellowship where our joy can be shared. Hebrews says that we must worship together and that we cannot “forsake assembling together, as is the habit of some” (10:25). The Bible reminds us that Sunday mass is a communal gathering of people who worship God, thank him for his saving works, and mutually support and encourage one another (Col. 3:16).

Walking with Jesus requires us to make Sunday worship a priority. We are called to follow the example of Jesus, who worshiped in community weekly, “as was his custom” (Luke 4:16). When we gather together on Sunday, we are uniting our hearts and voices with fellow believers in thanking God for all he has done for us. This is a habit worth getting into.