

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open, thick book. The book is held vertically, and a bright, golden light emanates from the center of the pages, creating a lens flare effect. The background is dark, making the light from the book stand out. The text 'BOOK of JOHN' is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font. The word 'BOOK' is in a bold, all-caps font, 'of' is in a smaller, cursive script, and 'JOHN' is in a bold, all-caps font.

BOOK *of* JOHN

THREE WINDOWS TO JESUS

JOHN 9:13-41

THE REST OF THE BLIND MAN'S STORY

- What did he come to know about Jesus?
- What did he see as he looked out the windows of his new life?

WINDOW ONE

- The Man Jesus was actually a “Prophet sent from God.” **v. 13-23**

RELIGION HAD NOTHING FOR THE MAN

- It was illegal to work on the Sabbath; and by making the clay, applying the clay, and healing the man, Jesus had performed three unlawful “works.”
- The religious Pharisees should have been praising God for a miracle; instead, they sought evidence to prosecute Jesus.
- This healing did not fit the religious leaders’ rules and regulations, so their cry was: *“This man is not of God!”* **John 9:16**

WINDOW TWO: JESUS WAS GOD v. 24-34

- As God, Jesus had every right and ability to heal the man, but the conservators of religion—the Pharisees—were stuck in the past with Moses!
- The Pharisees were cautious men who would consider themselves “*conservatives*”—protectors of religion—when in reality they were “*preservatives.*”
- A “*preservative*” embalms and worships the past, preserving it against change and resisting the new things that God is doing. Jesus loves outcasts, too!

WINDOW THREE: THE MAN JESUS WAS AND IS GOD'S SON v. 35-41

The Good Shepherd always cares for His sheep.

- John wrote this gospel to prove that Jesus is the Son of God and to present to his readers the testimonies of people who met Him and affirmed that He is God's Son.
- *John the Baptist* affirmed that Jesus is the Son of God (**John 1:34**) and so did *Nathanael* (**John 1:49**); *Jesus* stated that He is the Son of God (**John 5:25, 9:35**) and *Peter* also affirmed it (**John 6:69**); and now *this beggar!*

THE WINDOWS' REASON AND RESULT

- The ***REASON*** for the Son of Man coming was salvation, but the ***RESULT*** of His coming was also the condemnation of those who would not believe.
- The same sun that brings beauty of flowers also reveals cockroaches hiding under the rocks.
- The religious leaders were blind and would not admit it; therefore, the light of truth only made them more blind.

WINDOWS OF GROWTH

The beggar was cast out of the synagogue, but taken by the Good Shepherd and added to His flock!

- Even today, there are people who must choose between Christ and family, or Christ and their traditional religion.

Each window he looked through, he saw Jesus!

- This blind beggar made the right choice, even though the cost was great; the Light of the World illuminated his soul—now he could see!