

# WHO IS HE, SIR?



*"We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."*

**The Incarnate Word is walking among them, and these men are blind.**

*The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."*



These Pharisees are not accustomed to straight talk, especially from a man who is beneath them.

*They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?"  
And they cast him out.*



The man has not seen Jesus since he received his sight....

**.... But he can recognize the voice which now addresses him.**

***"Do you believe in the Son of man?"***

***He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"***

***Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you."***

***He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.***



**This man received true vision, while the Pharisees were blinded by their arrogance.**

***Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."***

***John 9***

Eternal life begins on this side of the grave.

So does God's judgment.

**Their great knowledge of scripture could not save those Pharisees.**

**Their hard hearts brought judgment on them.**

And we bring judgment on ourselves when we elevate our "knowledge of scripture" above the voice of Jesus.

***"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.***

***Listen to him!"***



*Prayer: Lord, like the blind man may we desire to see you, really see you and believe in you. Give us ears to listen to your voice above all others and heal us of any blindness you find in us, especially the blindness of hardened hearts. May our hearts continually lift to you, the beloved son of the Holy of Holies, and never stop listening. Amen.*

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