Antigo Community Church – November 12, 2023

Title: “Was Blind, but Now I See!”

Text: John 9:1-41

John 20:31

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John 6:35

“I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

John 6:33, 41

“For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world… I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

John 4:25-26

“I know that Messiah (called Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us. Then Jesus declared, ‘I who speak to you am he.’”

John 8:56, 58

“Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad… ‘I tell you the truth,’ Jesus answered, ‘before Abraham was born, I AM!’”

 Jesus is God

 Jesus is Messiah

John 8:12

“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

1 John 1:5b-7

“God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

John 1:4

“In him (Jesus, the Word) was life, and that life was the light of men.”

 Jesus is the Light

Jesus is the Truth

Jesus is the Giver of Eternal Life

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-41 (NIV)

Isaiah 9:2

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

Isaiah 42:6b-7

“[Suffering Servant/Messiah will be] … a light for the Gentiles, to open the eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”

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they forfeit forever the possibility of being healed.

“There are none so blind as those who will not see.”

 “One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

 “If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

Jesus declares his deity: Who is the Son of Man? “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

“Lord, I believe,” and he worshipped him.

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