



# **How to See God in Our Dark World -Let a blind guy guide you**

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Summary: In your darkness, let a blind man show you the way.

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- III. See Jesus as the God-Man--worship Him.

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- D. Michael Lindsay wrote: “Elizabeth is not drawn to fame or self-advancement. She reflects a more authentic way of Christian living, one that is less interested in appearances or achievement. She takes pleasure in simple things—the taste of vanilla ice cream, the thrill of reaching heights in the backyard swing, the delight of listening to songs with a good beat and familiar melody. And Elizabeth is genuinely happy when she pleases her father, clapping for herself when she hears my affirmations.”

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- John 9:36-38, *“He answered, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”* <sup>37</sup> *Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.”*



# Conclusion



Liar, Lunatic or Lord: *“Jesus [. . .] told people that their sins were forgiven. [. . .] This makes sense only if He really was the God whose laws are broken and whose love is wounded in every sin. [. . .] I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.”*

*That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”—CS Lewis*