

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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1 Samuel 16: 1: 6 – 7, 10 -13

Ephesians 5: 8 -14

John 9: 1 -41

This is the 4th Sunday of Lent – so soon! The Hebrew Testament reading is from the First Book of Samuel which chronicles of the life of King David. This reading is about the prophet Samuel anointing the young David – who is favored by God. Who would have thought that King David would have committed adultery and murder during his prosperous reign? He slept with Bathsheba and they bore Solomon – and she was the wife Uriah the Hittite – David’s first general in the field of battle – whom David had murdered! They are all listed in the family genealogy of Jesus in Matthew.

In the Gospel of John – the man born blind has his sight returned by Jesus. The Pharisees are shocked that this “*once born blind nobody*” would teach them about forgiveness. The Pharisees have the Law – this “once born blind nobody” has Jesus. Take your pick!

However, King David & this “once born blind nobody” are models of what loving God is about. They sought forgiveness in a way that God found favorable. With Easter coming soon – how is your prayer of forgiveness and repentance to God?

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