

## John Chapter 9

Jesus notices the blind man. Even though Pharisees had abused Him. Stops for this man. Man was not looking for Him.

They asked why is he blind. Man was born blind to show Glory of God. It was the Father's Will. Jesus says He *must* work. There is a limited time. Time for grace is limited. He is the Light of the world.

Clay healing. Jesus not limited by methods. Clay would close eyes rather than open them. Shows His Power. We feel our own blindness before He gives us light. Man was made out of clay. Go and wash; test to see if the man would obey.

Siloam – water comes from Mt Zion- David's city. Comes back seeing. Obstacles removed from his eyes.

People want explanation. Is it the same man? How did He do it? We should always be ready with an explanation about Jesus. Crowd wants to see Him.

They take him to the Pharisees. It was the Sabbath. Pharisees say He does not keep the Sabbath. Works of mercy are allowed.

They call the man's parents. They were trying to discredit the healing. They confirm that this is their son and that he was born blind. They were afraid of the leaders. They could be put out of the synagogue.

Pharisees accuse Jesus of being a sinner. The man only knows that he was cured.

They ask him again. Man asks if they want to be disciples also. He had said that Jesus was a prophet. Jesus is always a source of division. Pharisees that shut themselves out from Jesus. They sarcastically said *you* are His disciple.

They scorn the man. We are disciples of Moses. We don't know where this man *comes* from. Like when they said that they were children of Abraham.

Set Moses and Christ at opposition. Moses prefigures Him and He completes Moses. Moses is the servant in the house. Jesus is the Son of the house.

Simple man confronts the educated leaders. This is an unbelievable thing. God does not hear sinners and no one had ever cured a man blind from birth. He gives a great argument even though he was uneducated and had never been able to read. Testimony.

V34: they will not be lectured by someone who is "born" in sin and uneducated. He was a beggar!

Jesus is seeking the man. He knew the Pharisees had cast him out. Jesus takes note of those that suffer for Him. He uses term, Son of Man. Jesus asks the man if he understands the Messianic promises. Son of David was used for more temporal kingdom.

Jesus says I AM He. He reveals Himself. Man sees Him and has fellowship with Him.

The man believes and worships Him. Professes faith. Jewish man would NOT worship a man.

V 39-41: Jesus speaks with authority. Judge. Brings a doctrine that would try men. Division. Tests heart of men. Brings light to those who cannot see; including Gentiles. Some become spiritually blind – conceit and pride.

Pharisees ask if they are blind, too. Sarcastic question.

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