



John Chapter 9

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Jesus heals a blind man from birth (9:1-7)

- ▶ Sixth miracle performed by Jesus on blindness (9:1)
 - ▶ Bartimaeus in Jericho (Mark 10:46-52), two more in Galilee (Matt 9:27-31), a blind man without speech and demon possessed (Matt 12:22-23), in Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26) one in Jerusalem (Matt 21:14)
- ▶ Compassion, opportunity, Power of God
- ▶ Disciples – Origin of suffering (9:2-4)
 - ▶ Suffering is not always due to sin (Luke 13:2-3)
 - ▶ Greater glory of God (Crucifixion John 12:28, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again")
- ▶ Light of the world (9:5)
 - ▶ Makes his light shine upon you (Num 6:25)
 - ▶ Ezekiel's vision of God (Eze 1:4), light to shine out of darkness (2 Cor:46)
 - ▶ Moses face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord (Exo 34:29)
- ▶ Clay & Spittle (9:6) – Ancient remedies
 - ▶ Jesus healing blind by spitting in his eyes (Mark 8:22-26)
- ▶ Sent to wash (9:7),
 - ▶ (Jesus - John 3:17), (For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.)
 - ▶ (Naaman's healing 2 Kings 5:10-13)

Questioning the healing (9: 8-34)


- ▶ The neighbors (9: 8-13)
 - ▶ Confused, Weak people who needs help from Pharisees
- ▶ The Pharisees (9: 14-17)
 - ▶ Pass Judgement, Sabbath day sin, Customs & their principalities
- ▶ The man's parents (9: 18-23)
 - ▶ Passing the buck
- ▶ Back to the formerly blind man (9: 24-33)
 - ▶ If any man be a worshipper of God and doeth his will, him he heareth (through Jesus) (9:31)
 - ▶ Jesus our only way to forgive our sins. Old Testament sacrifices vs New Testament sacrifices
- ▶ Jesus(Savior) (9:11) to Prophet (Teacher) (9:17) to Christ(Messiah) (9: 22) to God (Creator)(9:33)
- ▶ Casted out of the synagogue (9:34), Be mindful, it is not about us, Basic goodness, benefit of doubt, Office examples as leaders(Find out what their issue is before taking a decision



Spiritual blindness (9: 35-41)

- ▶ Jesus visits the healed man (9:35)
 - ▶ Persecution on us (2 Cor:8-10)
- ▶ The healed man's belief (9:36-38)
- ▶ Spiritual blindness (9:39-41) (The Father & Son story)
 - ▶ Satan's role in keeping us away from Christ (2 Cor 4:4)
 - ▶ Judas (John 70-71) Betrays
 - ▶ Jesus Commission (Matt 28:17) Doubters

Promise of Jesus (Matt 28:18-20)



What did we learn from this study ?

- ▶ Why was he born blind? What is Jesus's take on this ?
- ▶ Why did Jesus call himself the “Light of the World” ?
- ▶ Why was the people and the Pharisees upset after seeing the miracle ?
- ▶ Did the man who was healed accept Jesus ?
- ▶ Are we blind like the Pharisees ?
- ▶ How can Jesus remove our blindness ?