

Jesus Heals a Blind Man John 9:1-41

Introduction:

To set the story, notice [John 8:48-59](#). There is an attempt to stone Jesus because He said that He was before Abraham. As Jesus passes by this attempt, he notices this blind man.

I. Jesus heals a man who was blind from birth.

- A. The disciples of Jesus ask Him an important question.
 1. Who sinned that he was born blind?
 - a. His disciples wanted to know who was responsible for the blindness of this man.
 - b. They apparently believed that someone had to have sinned in order for this man to be born blind.
 - c. This was apparently a common belief of the day.
 - 1) Note the example of Paul as he was shipwrecked at Malta.
 - 2) [Acts 28:4](#) - So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live."
 2. Jesus tells His disciples that neither this man nor his parents had done anything wrong ([9:3](#)).
 - a. Sometimes, bad things happen to good people.
 - 1) [Lk. 13:1-5](#) - There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. {2} And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? {3} I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. {4} Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? {5} I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."
 - 2) [Mt. 5:45](#) - for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
 - c. It was no one's fault that this man was blind.
 3. There was a purpose for his blindness.
 - a. Jesus goes on to say that the reason he was blind was so that "the works of God should be revealed in him" ([9:3](#)).
 - b. He was blind so that others, including himself, could have the opportunity to believe in Jesus.
 - 1) The death of Lazarus was also so that God could be glorified.

- 2) **John 11:4** - When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."
- B. Jesus gives the man specific instructions in order to be healed (9:6-7).
1. Jesus makes clay from His saliva and puts it on the man's eyes (9:6).
 2. He then tells the man to go and wash in the pool of Siloam.
 3. Once the man obeyed the instructions of Jesus, he was healed.
 - a. In order for the man to get the blessing of Christ (healed of blindness), he had to obey Jesus.
 - b. In the same way today, if we are going to receive the blessings of Christ we must obey Him.

II. The reaction of the Pharisees to the blind man.

- A. The Pharisees are again trying to disprove the authority of Jesus.
1. Remember, we talked last week about their interaction with Jesus.
 2. Even though Jesus heals this blind man, the Pharisees are trying to condemn Him because He healed him on the Sabbath.
 - a. The Pharisees could not deny that this man was blind (9:18-20).
 - b. They could also not deny that Jesus performed a great miracle.
 - c. However, they were looking for a way to deny Jesus.
 3. How many times today do we have the proof of what God wants us to do, yet we still try to get around it.
 - a. Doing good to others
 - 1) **Mt. 5:44** - But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,
 - 2) **Gal. 6:10** - Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
 - b. Baptism
 - 1) **Mark 16:16** - He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
 - 2) Many will say that because Jesus did not say that "whoever is not baptized will not be saved" means that we do not have to be baptized.
 - c. This is exactly what the Pharisees were trying to do.
 - 1) They knew that Jesus had preformed this miracle.
 - 2) Yet, they refused to look at the evidence given to them.
 - 3) We must make sure that we never overlook the evidence of Scripture to justify our point.
- B. Not only did the Pharisees try to deny Jesus, but they threatened anyone who would confess Christ.
1. The Pharisees had said that "if anyone confessed that He was the Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue" (9:22).
 2. The parents of the man were afraid to say anything about Jesus, because of this threat by the Pharisees (9:20-23).

- a. They knew the miracle that was performed for their son, yet they refused to acknowledge what Jesus did for their son.
- b. In essence, they were denying Christ because they were afraid of men.

III. The blind man's reaction to Jesus (9:35-38).

- A. Jesus, when He heard of what had happened to the man, went out and found him.
 1. Jesus immediately turned the conversation to the spiritual.
 2. He asked him if he believed in the Son of God.
 3. Once the blind man knew who Jesus was, and realized that it was Jesus who had healed him, he immediately believed in Him.
- B. We, today, need to have the same reaction.
 1. We need to believe in Jesus because of what He has done for us.
 2. He died so that we could live.

Conclusion: