

# *JOHN 9*

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## ***Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind (1-34)***

1. What was behind the disciples' question, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
  - a. judgmentalism
  - b. compassion
  - c. curiosity?**
  - d. a trap
2. Why was this man blind?  
**3 – God's power/work might be displayed in his life and for others to see God's power**  
**34 – Phar = steeped in sin from birth**
3. What did Jesus' reply show about how he viewed the man's affliction?
  - a. He and his parents were sinless.
  - b. He was an exception to the rule.
  - c. The standard theology of the day was full of baloney.
  - d. The man was born blind so that Jesus could miraculously heal him. vs. 7**
  - e. Suffering like this just happens
  - f. The Purpose of the blindness was more important than its cure.
4. In this story, what is . . .

The work of God (v. 3)?x **changed life**

The "night" that is coming (v. 4)?x **end**

The "light of the world" (v. 5)? **X**

5. Why did Jesus spit and make mud in healing the man?
  - a. to add variety to his practices of healing people
  - b. to face the Pharisees by breaking their Sabbath rules, since treating illness and making mud were considered "work" ?**
  - c. to gain the man's confidence since saliva was believed to have healing properties
  - d. to give the man a part in the healing process**
6. What two things were necessary for the man to receive his sight?x  
**Jesus and obedience (not the mud)**  
**"the man with the muddy eyes"**
7. Why did some of the Pharisees take a stand against Jesus?
  - a. because he violated their Sabbath restrictions**
  - b. because he violated their concept of the Messiah**
  - c. because it never occurred to them their regulations might be wrong**
  - d. because they started from their own bias instead of the miracle**
  - e. because they were blind**
8. Who did the blind man say healed him? What did call him later in the chapter?  
**11 – man they call Jesus**  
**17 – prophet**  
**38 – Lord**
9. Who did the Jews ask to confirm the man's blindness?  
**18 – parents**

10. What did the Pharisees do to those who confessed Jesus to be Christ?

**22 put out of synagogue  
Significance? Religious and social**

11. Who did the Jews claim to be disciples of?

**28 Moses**

12. In the course of this investigation, what is the man able to see about Jesus (vs. 12, 17, 25, 27, 30-33, 36, 38)? About the Pharisees? How is his attitude changing?

**12 – don't know much about him**

**17 – prophet**

**25 – all I know – he cured me**

**27 – disciple**

**28 - cursed him – hurled insults**

**33 - from God**

**36 – beginning belief**

**38 – Lord (Son/Man)**

**15 – curious**

**16 – not from God – Sabbath breaker**

**18 – disbelief he was born blind**

**28 – insulted**

**29 – this man is unknown**

**34 – you are the problem – threw him out**

- **From unknown to Lord**

13. In contrast to the man's growing spiritual insight, how are the Pharisees progressing?  
**more hatred**

**#7 - Why do they take a stand against Jesus?**

**- What do you know is right? Wrong?  
-opinion on every issue**

14. What hard questions do you have about life, particularly regarding suffering?x

**Why**

15. Who is speaking in verse 31?

**Former blind man – not Jesus**

**Context is a quote, not a teaching**

Does God hear sinners?x

**Define sinner – define hear**

**--hears all**

**Responds and answers to the heart**

**Spiritual Blindness (35-41)**

16. Why does Jesus wait until now to fully present Himself?x How is the man, only now, able to affirm Jesus as Lord?x a **process**

**adjust -change-realize-head and heart**

17. What did the former blind man do after stating his belief in Jesus?

**38 worshiped**

18. What blindness is the result of sin (vs. 39-41)?x How do such people see again?x **who Jesus is -openness**

19. Why did Jesus come into the world?

**39 judgment**

20. How would you measure your spiritual vision now - and how could it be corrected?

a. 20/20

b. 20/200

c. legally blind

d. near-sighted

e. far-sighted

**f. a few blind spots**

**-Does faith produce miracles (usually) or miracles produce faith?**

**- I'd love to be able to see? joy/peace/marriage/ rel**

**-Who is to blame or what can God do?**

**\*- the ordinary & the extraordinary**

- What see happening in the church right now?**
- What have you done lately for the Lord?**
- What can you see - didn't use to**
- How great is your desire to see more**