

“WHY WAS THIS MAN BORN BLIND?” (John 9)

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INTRO: Let’s look at a story of a man born blind who was healed and some of the powerful truths and relevant life applications (from John chapter 9).

1. The disciples assumed that sin was the cause of a man born blind (vv. 1-2).
 - A. Be careful not to assume that if something bad has happened to someone, they must have done something to deserve it (Luke 13:1-5).
2. Jesus told them the cause wasn’t sin, but that God wanted to reveal His work in him (v. 3).
 - A. God wants to reveal His work in you (Rom. 8:28)!
3. Jesus would only be on the earth for a short time to reveal the works of God, so took advantage of this opportunity to do so (vv. 4-5).
 - A. Jesus now does the works of God through us!
4. Jesus healed the man (vv. 6-7).
 - A. Jesus’ method was to do what He saw the Father doing (Jn. 5:19), which should also be ours!
 - B. Sometimes God will ask us to do something we can do, but doesn’t make sense, so that He can do something we can’t do and then it will make sense!
5. This man confirmed his identity to his neighbors – he is the guy who was born blind but now sees (vv. 8-9).
6. He shared his testimony of being healed (vv. 10-14).
7. The Pharisees interrogate him (vv. 15- 17).
 - A. They were divided because Jesus did this on a Sabbath (v. 16).
 - B. A religious spirit can place more of an emphasis on rules than fruitful ministry to a person in need.
8. The Pharisees interrogate his parents, who acknowledged their son was born blind but now sees, but didn’t have his back for fear of man (vv. 18-23).
 - A. How did their son feel about that?
9. The Pharisees interrogate him again (vv. 24-34).
 - A. You don’t have to have all the answers in order to share your faith, you just have to have a testimony worth sharing!
 - B. He gave them perceptive common-sense answers!
 - C. Those influenced by a religious spirit often attack those who bring truths that they reject.
 - D. It’s amazing how religious spirits can show up at church and fight against the work of God!
10. Jesus found the man and further ministered to him (vv. 35-38). ***Jesus seeks out the outcasts!***
11. Jesus came to open blind eyes of the humble and make blind the proud (v. 39; 2Cor. 3:14).
12. Some of the Pharisees knew Jesus was talking about them (vv. 40-41; Matt. 15:12-14).
 - A. Because they claimed to have spiritual understanding but were ignorant and deceived, they were spiritually blind and guilty.
 - B. The more we’re given, the more accountable we are (Lk. 12:48).

CONCLUSION: Jesus is still in the business of opening blind eyes so humbly and sincerely invite Him to open your blind eyes and restore your vision (Luke 4:18)!