



Jesus And The Man Born Blind

John 9: 1-41 NIV

John 9:1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.

Background to set the scene:

John 8:58-59 "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

⁵⁹At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

Matthew Henry says it this way: "Though he was in his flight from a threatening danger, and escaping for his life, yet he willingly halted and staid awhile to show mercy to this poor man. We make more haste than good speed when we outrun opportunities of doing good." - Matthew Henry

John 9:2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

John 9:3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

What Do We Know About This Man?

1. He was born blind - had a disability – generally cast out from society
2. Beggar – more than likely, homeless
3. Didn't have much family support

But, God had a significant **PLAN** for him

Know today, that God has a **PURPOSE** for you!

God **USED** him in literally, a **MIRACULOUS** way!

John 9:4-5 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

C.S. Lewis says "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." - C.S. Lewis

Jesus is the **LIGHT** of the world that **CASTS OUT** all the shadows of doubt, fear, anxiety, and uncertainty!

John 9:6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.

John 9:7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

An analogy of who Jesus is – Messiah **SENT** by God to **CLEANSE, HEAL,** and **TO RESTORE** sight to the blind, both **PHYSICALLY** and **SPIRITUALLY**.

John 9:13-16 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

John 9:24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

John 9:25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

The truth is that the people who think they have it figured out, but don't **ACCEPT** JESUS are as bad off as this man **BORN BLIND**.

John 9:30-34 The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³²Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Those who **CLAIMED** to be able to see, were **BLIND**.

The man recognized that this was the **WORK OF GOD**.

John 9:35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

John 9:38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

He was booted from a **PLACE OF WORSHIP** and in the process found the **ONE TO WORSHIP**.

Worship comes in response to a **GOD WE KNOW**.

GRACE is for those who recognize they are **BLIND** and in need of a **SAVIOR**.

CAN YOU CONFESS JESUS OPENLY AND DEFEND HIM WITH YOUR SIMPLE TESTIMONY?

"I ONCE WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE"

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