

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Book of John

Lesson 9

The Blind Man

John 9

REFLECTION

Review John 8. What do you learn about spiritual freedom? Do you know the truth? Have you been set free from sin?

FOCUS VERSE

... For judgment¹ I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind (John 9:39).

SECTION 1 – Sin Question

Read John 9:1-5.

1. What was Jesus doing (vs. 1)? _____

Who did He see? _____

2. What was the question the disciples asked of Jesus (vs. 2)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

According to Exodus 34:4-7, what had the disciples learned from the Law of Moses? _____

How does John 11:4 help you with your thoughts toward suffering? _____

¹ judgment: decision for or against crime; avenge, condemnation.

PERSONAL

If you are going through a season of suffering, what comfort do you receive from the following Scriptures?

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 _____

2 Corinthians 2:14, 15 _____

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 _____

PERSONAL

How has the LORD comforted you recently and kept you from doubt and self pity? _____

3. How does Jesus answer His disciples (John 9:3)? _____

4. What does Jesus say concerning Lazarus' sickness which led to his death (John 11:4)? _____

5. What does Jesus say concerning His work in the following Scriptures?
John 4:31-34 _____
John 5: 16, 17 _____
John 9:4 _____
John 19:28-30 _____

NOTE

Jesus is shifting the disciple's thoughts in John 9:4 from the blind man to Himself as the One doing the good works of God on this earth, and to the believer who will do His good works until the end of the world.

6. What did Jesus claim to be while He was in the world (John 9:5)? _____

7. When the Light of the World indwells² the believer, what happens to him (Matthew 5:14, 15)? _____

8. What is the believer to do with his light (Matthew 5:16)? _____

SECTION 2 – Sign³ of Sight Given

Read John 9:6, 7.

1. List the active steps that Jesus performed on this blind man (vs. 6). _____

2. What does Siloam mean (vs. 7)? _____

What happened to the man at the pool? _____

PERSONAL

Ponder the method that Jesus used to heal this man. How does it speak to you? _____

What lessons can you learn from this man's obedience to Jesus' peculiar command? _____

What do you think is the significance of Jesus telling the man to go to this specific pool? _____

² indwells: for Christ to live in the heart of the believer.

³ sign: supernatural indication; miracle, token, wonder.

SECTION 3 – Skeptics Question the Sign

Read John 9:8-34.

1. Who were the first to question the healing of this man (vs. 8, 9)? _____

What did they say about him? _____

2. What question did the people ask (vs. 10)? _____

3. What did the man answer (vs. 11)? _____

What fact did the man leave out? _____

PERSONAL

Think about a miracle God performed in your life? What detail have you overlooked? _____

4. What did these people ask him next (John 9:12)? _____

What was his answer? _____

5. Who did they take this man to (vs. 13, 14)? _____

What day of the week was it? _____

6. What question did the Pharisees ask the man again (vs. 15)? _____

The man's response was: _____

7. What were the excuses that the Pharisees made to divert the people from seeing the sign of healing (vs. 16)?

8. What did the healed man say about Jesus when questioned (vs. 17)? _____

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9. Who did the Pharisee's question next regarding the healed man (vs. 18-23)? _____

What did they ask them? _____

What was their answer? _____

What were these people afraid of? Why? _____

What was their final answer? _____

10. The Pharisees questioned the healed man again, what did they tell him to do (vs. 24-29)? _____

What was his reply to the Pharisees? _____

The Pharisees responded back with: _____

How did the healed man reprove the Pharisees? _____

What was their angry response? _____

11. How did this healed man stand up to the Pharisees and stand up for Jesus at the same time (vs. 30-33)?

⁴ Prophet: inspired spokesman of God.

PERSONAL

How does this man's exhortation speak to you? _____

LOOK DEEPER

How do the following verses prove that these religious teachers and leaders, who professed to believe the prophets, should have known how this man was healed?

Isaiah 29:18, 19 _____

Isaiah 35:3-6 _____

Isaiah 42:6-8 _____

12. What was the cost for this man's boldness to these religious skeptics (John 9:34)? _____

SECTION 4 – Spiritual Significance of the Sign of Healing

Read John 9:35-41.

1. When Jesus heard that they had cast the man out, what did Jesus ask him (vs. 35, 36)? _____

What is the man's response? _____⁵

2. What did Jesus reveal to this man (vs. 37)? _____

⁵ Lord: supreme in authority; controller, God, Master.

PERSONAL

What do you find touching about this meeting between Jesus and this man? Has Jesus ever sought you out of a place of rejection? How did He speak to you?

LOOK DEEPER

Observe the progression of this man's faith by recording his actions, words, and the titles he ascribed to Jesus.

John 9:11 _____

vs. 17 _____

vs. 25 _____

vs. 30 _____

vs. 32 _____

vs. 33 _____

vs. 36-38a _____

4. What did this man's faith bring him to do (vs. 38)? _____

PERSONAL

Write the progression of your faith in Christ as He has revealed Himself to you. _____

SECTION 5 – The Skeptics Silenced

Read John 9:39-41.

1. Why did Jesus say He came into the world (vs. 39)? _____⁶

2. Who overheard what Jesus said? What did they ask (vs. 40, 41)? _____

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What did Jesus say to them? _____

LOOK DEEPER

What did Jesus mean with His word's *your sin remains*? Why? _____

PERSONAL

What new insight spoke to your heart concerning the character of Jesus in this chapter? _____

I AM
the Light of the world.
John 9:5

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⁶ judgment: a decision for or against a crime; average, condemnation, damnation; judgment by the LORD.

⁷ blind: the spiritual leaders were spiritually blind.