

## John 9 – Healing of the Man Born Blind

1. Now as Jesus was passing by, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who **committed the sin** that caused him to be born blind, this man or his parents?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "**Neither this man nor his parents sinned**, but so that the works of God may be displayed in him.
4. We must perform the deeds of the one who sent me as long as it is daytime. Night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>**As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**"
6. Having said this, he spat on the ground and made some mud with the saliva. He smeared the mud on the blind man's eyes <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated "sent"). **So he went and washed, and came back seeing.**
8. **Then the neighbors and the people** who had seen him previously as a beggar began saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some people said, "This is the man!" while others said, "No, but he looks like him." The man himself kept insisting, "I am the one!" <sup>10</sup>So they asked him, "How then were **your eyes opened?**"
11. He replied, "**The man called Jesus** made mud, smeared it on my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and **recovered sight.**"
12. They said to him, "Where is that man?" He replied, "I don't know."
13. **They brought the man who used to be blind to the Pharisees.** <sup>14</sup>(Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and **opened his eyes.**) <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees asked him again how he had gained his sight. He replied, "He put mud on my eyes and I washed, **and I see.**"
16. Then some of the Pharisees began to say, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a **person who is a sinner** do such signs?" Thus there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So again they asked the man who used to be blind, "What do you say about him, since he **opened your eyes?**" He replied, "**He is a prophet.**"
18. Now the Jewish religious leaders refused to believe that he had really been blind and had gained his sight until **they summoned the parents** of the man who had gained his sight. <sup>19</sup>They asked the parents, "Is this your son, whom you say was born blind? Then **how does he now see?**"
20. So his parents replied, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But **how he now sees** we do not know, nor do we know who **opened his eyes**. Ask him, he is an adult. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they were afraid of the Jewish religious leaders. For the Jewish leaders had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>For this reason his parents said, "He is an adult, ask him.")
24. **Then they summoned the man who had been blind a second time** and said to him, "Promise before God to tell the truth. We know that this **person is a sinner.**" <sup>25</sup>He replied, "Whether **he is a sinner** I do not know. One thing I do know—that although I was blind, **now I see.**"
26. Then they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he **opened your eyes?**" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "I've already told you and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You don't want to become his disciples too, do you?"
28. They heaped insults on him, saying, "You are his disciple! We are disciples of Moses!" <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses! But as for this man, we do not know where he is from!"
30. **The man answered them,** "This is an amazing thing, that you don't know where he comes from, and yet he **opened my eyes!** <sup>31</sup>We know that God doesn't listen to **sinners**, but if anyone is devoted to God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard of anyone **opened the eyes** of someone born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this was not **one from God**, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They replied, "**You were born steeped in sin**, and you presume to teach us?" And they threw him out.
35. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, so he found the man and said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>The man replied, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus told him, "You have seen him and he is the one speaking with you." <sup>38</sup>**He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.**
39. Jesus said, "**For judgment I have come into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and the ones who see may become blind.**"
40. Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and asked him, "We are not blind too, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus replied, "If you were blind, you would not be **guilty of sin**, but now because you claim that you can **see, your guilt remains.**

