

# Gospel of John

Thursday Morning Bible Class

## John 9:1-41

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### Jesus Heals a Blind Man – 9:1-41

†1 – “As he passed by” – Right outside the temple.

†It was believed that suffering or some defect like blindness was due to sin.

†2 – The disciples did not look at the man to help him, but to pose a theological question: Why was the man blind? Was it his sin or his parents?

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†3 – Not because of sin, but an opportunity to show Jesus was sent by God.

†4 – The time for Jesus to do the work God sent him to do was now, while it was day.

†5 - Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness of day.

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†6 – Jesus makes mud with his saliva. This act of itself is a violation of Sabbath laws.  
 †Why the saliva? (See also Mark 7:33) It is linked to his identity as the first-born Son of God.  
 †Saliva was believed to have healing properties, especially that of a first-born.  
 †When Jesus uses saliva, he is testifying that he is the first-born Son of God.

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†7 – The pool of Siloam was created by King Hezekiah. The name means “sent”. The man washed and came back seeing. An act of faith.  
 †8 – The first instance in all of Scripture that a blind man was given sight. Is. 35:5  
 †Like the man by the pool (ch. 5) this man did not ask to be healed, he did not know Jesus and it was on the Sabbath.

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†8-9 – The reaction: the people wondered if this was the same man who begged at the temple.  
 †10-12 – “Who did it?” He only knew that a man named Jesus did it.  
 †14 – This was done on the Sabbath Day.  
 †15 – The formerly blind man told the Jewish leaders exactly what happened.

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†16 – The Pharisees had two reactions:  
 †1) Jesus could not be from God because he doesn't keep the Sabbath.  
 †2) How could a sinner do things that only God could do?  
 †17 – They ask the man what he knew about Jesus. He said he is a prophet – someone sent by God.

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†18 – The dilemma of the Jews:  
 †A blind man can see by some sort of miracle.  
 †But a man who desecrates the Sabbath could not have been sent by God.  
 †But only a man sent by God could do this.  
 †Maybe he wasn't blind in the first place.

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†20-21 – The parents say that it was their son born blind, but he should speak for himself.  
 †22 – The Jews had warned anyone who confesses Jesus as Messiah would be excommunicated.  
 †24 – They want the blind man to discredit Jesus because after all, he was a sinner.

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†25 – A simple statement of truth: “I was blind, but now I see.”  
†26 – But how could a “sinner” do something only God could do?  
†27 – The former blind man taunts them because they refuse to see the obvious.

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†28 – The accuse the man of being a disciple of Jesus.  
†30-33 – The former blind man uses good logic. If they don’t know where Jesus comes from, how can they reject the idea that comes from God?  
†34 – The man had been born blind, so obviously he was a sinner, so how can he teach the “righteous”? They threw him out.

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†35 – “Who is really blind?” Jesus asks the man if he believes in him.  
†36 – He wants to believe, but is not sure who he is.  
†38 – When the man sees Jesus, he confesses his faith.

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†39 – Either people can see Jesus for who he is, or they are blind.  
 †40 – “Are you saying we are blind?”  
 †41 – Since they cannot see Jesus for who he is, they are blind.

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First Sign	Water to wine in Cana	John 2:1-11
Second Sign	Healing in Cana/Capernaum	John 4:43-54
Third Sign	Healing at Bethesda	John 5:1-15
Fourth Sign	Feeding the Multitudes	John 6:1-15
Fifth Sign	The Blind Man in Jerusalem	John 9:1-12
Sixth Sign	Raising of Lazarus	John 11:1-44
Seventh Sign	Resurrection of Jesus	John 20

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