

**THE MAN BORN BLIND
JOHN 9**

NARRATOR: And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man who was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered,

JESUS: Neither this man nor his parents sinned: but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, I must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

NARRATOR: Having said this, he spit on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he put it on the eyes of the blind man, And Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Go, wash in the pool of Siloam

NARRATOR: Siloam means by interpretation, Sent. He went his way and washed, and came home seeing.

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging, asked

NEIGHBOR: Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?

NEIGHBOR: No, he only looks like him.

BLIND MAN: I am the man.

NEIGHBOR: How then were your eyes opened?

BLIND MAN: A man that is called Jesus made clay, and put it on my eyes, and told me to go to the pool of Siloam, and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.

NEIGHBOR: Where is this man?

BLIND MAN: I don't know.

NARRATOR: They brought to the Pharisees the man that had been born blind. And it was the Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him,

PHARISEE: How have you received your sight?

BLIND MAN: He put clay on my eyes and I washed and now I see.

PHARISEE: This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.

NEIGHBOR: How can a man that is a sinner do such miraculous signs?

NARRATOR: So they were divided in their opinions and started arguing with each other. Finally they turned again to the blind man.

PHARISEE: What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened?

BLIND MAN: He is a prophet.

NARRATOR: But the Jews still did not believe that he had been blind, and had received his sight, until they sent for his parents.

PHARISEE: Is this your son? Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that he can now see?

PARENTS: We know he is our son, and that he was born blind. But how he can see now or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age, and he will speak for himself.

NARRATOR: His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who confessed that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents had said, He is of age, ask him. The second time the Pharisees summoned the man who had been blind.

PHARISEE: Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.

BLIND MAN: Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know, I was blind, but now I see.

PHARISEE: What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?

BLIND MAN: I have told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?

PHARISEE: Be quiet, you sinner! You are this fellow's disciple. We are disciples of Moses. We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from.

BLIND MAN: Now this is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. Nobody has even heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.

PHARISEE: You were born in sins, and how dare you lecture us?

NARRATOR: And they cast him out of the synagogue. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out and when he found him, he said,

JESUS: Do you believe on the Son of God?

BLIND MAN: Who is he, Lord? Tell me so that I may believe on him.

JESUS: You have now seen him in fact, and he is the one speaking with you.

BLIND MAN: Lord, I believe.

NARRATOR: And the man who had been blind worshipped Jesus.

JESUS: For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.

NARRATOR: And some of the Pharisees who were with him heard these words, and said to him,

PHARISEE: What?! Are we blind too?

JESUS: If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin, but now that you claim that you see, your guilt remains.

NARRATOR: So the man who had been blind went home rejoicing about how he had been healed.

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