

## John Chapter 9

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  - b.
5. What does this miracle have in common with the healing of the following miracles?
  - a. The healing of the royal officials son:
  - b. The healing of the sick man by the pool:
6. After hearing about this miracle the Pharisees were divided in the opinion about Jesus. What were the two opinions that they had?
  - a.
  - b.
7. The blind man's opinion of Jesus changes through out the chapter. Look up the following verses and write down what the healed man says about Jesus.
  - a. verse 11:
  - b. verse 17:
  - c. verse 33:
  - d. verse 38:
8. What did the healed man's parent's say when the Jews asked them if their son was healed?
9. What was the healed man's response to the Jews continued questions of how he had been healed?

10. What did the Pharisees say about the healed man before they threw him out of the temple?
11. Jesus spoke to the man after he had been thrown out of the temple.
  - a. What question did Jesus ask the healed man?
  - b. What was the healed man's response?
12. Why did Jesus say that the Pharisees were guilty?

Digging Deeper: (John 8)

1. What does the disciples question about the man born blind show about what they believed was the source of suffering? What do you think is the source of suffering? What relation does suffering have to sin?
2. Do you think God directly caused the blindness of this man so Jesus could perform this miracle later? Do you think God does this today? Explain your answers.
3. The Pharisees were the ones who devoted their lives to careful religious observance. Why does Jesus seem to treat the Pharisee with a stricter judgment than everyone else
4. Jesus shows his power to heal the blind. What about those who are spiritually blind, like Pharisees? How can Jesus heal that kind of blindness

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- 1. How long had the man whom Jesus healed in this chapter been blind?** *He had been blind since birth.*
- 2. What did the disciples ask Jesus about this blind man?** *The disciples wanted to know who sinned that the man should be born blind – him or his parents. They believed that suffering was caused by sin.*
- 3. What was the reason for the man's blindness according to Jesus?** *Jesus said that the man was blind so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. (Jesus also called himself the light of the world just before he healed the man.)*
- 4. Instead of simply speaking as he did before this miracle has two parts. What were they?**
  - a. Jesus made mud with his spit and put it in the man's eyes.*
  - b. Jesus told the man to go and wash in the pool of Siloam.*
- 5. What does this miracle have in common with the healing of the following miracles?**
  - a. The healing of the royal official's son:** *Jesus was not there when either miracle was realized. This is also in common with turning water to wine. (It is different in that Jesus actually touched the blind man.)*
  - b. The healing of the sick man by the pool:** *They were both done on the Sabbath day. Neither man knew where Jesus had gone when asked who had healed them. (Jesus seems to be distancing himself from the miracles he performed.)*
- 6. After hearing about this miracle the Pharisees were divided in the opinion about Jesus. What were the two opinions that they had?**
  - a. Some said he was not from God because he healed on the Sabbath.*
  - b. Others asked how he could be a sinner and perform such miracles.*
- 7. The blind man's opinion of Jesus changes through out the chapter. Look up the following verses and write down what the healed man says about Jesus.**
  - a. verse 11:** *"The man they call Jesus..."*
  - b. verse 17:** *"He is a prophet."*
  - c. verse 33:** *"If this man were not from God..."*
  - d. verse 38:** *"Lord, I believe."*
- 8. What did the healed man's parent's say when the Jews asked them if their son was healed?** *He said he was old enough to answer for himself. They were afraid that the Jews would expel them from the synagogue.*
- 9. What was the healed man's response to the Jews continued questions of how he had been healed?** *He mocked them and asked if they wanted to be Jesus disciples, too. He said it was amazing that someone who could heal a man born blind was unknown to them.*
- 10. What did the Pharisees say about the healed man before they threw him out of the temple?** *They said he was surrounded in sin from the day he was born. They, too had the idea that his suffering was the result of sin.*

11. **Jesus spoke to the man after he had been thrown out of the temple.**
  - a. **What question did Jesus ask the healed man?** *“Do you believe in the son of man?”*
  - b. **What was the healed man’s response?** *“Tell me [who he is] so that I may believe in him.”*
  
12. **Why did Jesus say that the Pharisees were guilty?** *He said they were guilty because they claimed they could see. His point was that they claimed they knew so much about the law but in reality they were leading everyone astray. They were like a guide for a blind man who closes his eyes as he guides.*

### **Digging Deeper:**

1. **What does the disciples question about the man born blind show about what they believed was the source of suffering? What do you think is the source of suffering? What relation does suffering have to sin?** *They as well as the Jewish leaders believed that this man’s suffering was the result of sin. Since he was born blind they assumed the sin had come from his parents. Suffering at times may be the direct result of sin, but sometimes suffering just happens because of natural causes in an imperfect world. When we sin it makes suffering worse.*
  
2. **Do you think God directly caused the blindness of this man so Jesus could perform this miracle later? Do you think God does this today? Explain your answers.** *It is possible that God caused this man’s suffering for this reason. He has all rights over his creation. I think Jesus statement had to do more with suffering in general. When people suffer God can work through that to show his power. It is the same today. When people suffer God will work through that suffering if we trust him.*
  
3. **The Pharisees were the ones who devoted their lives to careful religious observance. Why does Jesus seem to treat the Pharisee with a stricter judgment than everyone else?** *These were the people who were leading everyone else. When you are a leader you have a responsibility to lead in the right direction. Those who are given the ability and the opportunity to lead are held to a higher standard. The Bible says that those who teach will be judged more strictly – James 3:1*
  
4. **Jesus shows his power to heal the blind. What about those who are spiritually blind, like Pharisees? How can Jesus heal that kind of blindness?** *Those who are spiritually blind are blind by choice. In order to be healed they need to make the choice to open their eyes and see the truth.*