

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"Blind Investigators"
John 9:13-34
Part-34

"God's Truth Is Readily Available, But The Heart Of Man Determines Whether To Accept Or Reject."

The Pattern Of A Miracle/Sign – Jesus sees human need and meets it; Points to His Divine Nature.

Leads To A Conflict – Which Leads To A Sermon. The sermon is an exposition of what the miracle meant. He would use the sign to give a sermon.

Jesus is the light of the world who offers sight to the blind. But some choose to reject the light and remain blind.

Thought Of Our Passage: The Religious Leaders Teach Us That Spiritual Blindness Is A More Serious Condition Than Physical Blindness.

- 1. Verses 13-17 – The Man's Faithful Witness**
- 2. Verses 18-23 – The Parents' Compromise**
- 3. Verses 24-34 – The Man's Spiritual Sight**

1. Verses 13-17 – The Man's Faithful Witness:

John 9:13 – "They brought to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind."

"They" – these were the people (Verses 8-12) that knew him as a beggar.

"brought to the Pharisees the man" – He was healed on a Sabbath, a violation to the leaders. John 9:14

"who was formerly blind." – This is John's 6th Sign, "The Master of Misfortune."

John 9:14

John 5:18

7X in the Gospels, Jesus heals on the Sabbath. "Seven" – complete, perfection.

John 9:15

“the Pharisees also were asking him again” – “kept on asking him.”

The Real Test Of The Man’s Courage: “how he received his sight.”
John 9:16

Jeremiah 17:22

Talmudic Rabbis developed 24 chapters, a list of 39 categories of work that were prohibited on the Sabbath.

There were approximately 1,521 things that were not permissible on the Sabbath.

Violation – Jesus spat on the ground and made mud.

Violation – Rabbis forbid healing on the Sabbath day.

Violation – Jesus used saliva for healing.

Luke 6:5 – “The Son Of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

Some Thought For Themselves: “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?”

“And there was a division among them.” – There always is a division over Jesus.

John 9:17

Jesus Is A Prophet: “And he said, ‘He is a prophet.’” – “one who speaks for another.” The man continues to grow spiritually.

He regards Jesus as a man (verse 11), but now he sees Him as God’s man, a gifted man with insight and understanding, a great man.

2. Verses 18-23 – The Parents’ Compromise:

John 9:18

“The Jews then did not believe it of him, that he had been blind and had received sight,” – They have hardened hearts as to the truth.
Deuteronomy 32:20

John 9:19-21

"Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." – This is called "The way of the chicken" or "Passing of the buck!"

John 9:22

"he was to be put out of the synagogue." – Excommunicate – no temple, no synagogue, no business, no job or customers, social rejection; Talmud lists 24 offenses.

John 9:23

Romans 10:9

3. Verses 24-34 – The Man's Spiritual Sight:

John 9:24

"So a second time they called the man who had been blind," – Looking and hoping to find discrepancies in his interviews.

"said to him, 'Give glory to God;'" – That is an official oath they are putting him under. Joshua 7:19 – "I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God."

"we know that this man is a sinner." – The word "know": "claim to absolute knowledge." No matter what you say, we know that this man is a sinner!

John 9:25 – "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know;"

"one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." – This is all we have to know!

What we need to know is that we were lost and now we are found.

John 9:26-27

"You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?" – He now counted himself a disciple of Jesus!

John 9:28 – "They reviled him," – "they abused him; they chewed him out."

"and said, 'You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.'" – The line was drawn. (Moses is greater than Jesus)

John 9:29

"we do not know where He is from." – These are the words of unbelief (We don't want to know where He is from!); Lie – John 7:27.

Verses 30-33 – Theology Of A Beggar: John 9:30.

John 9:31

"We know that God does not hear sinners;" – Psalm 66:18.

Proverbs 15:29

"but if anyone is God-fearing, and does His will, He hears him." – Acts 10.

John 9:32 – Isaiah 35:5 foretells the Messiah would do so!

John 9:33

Jesus Is From God: "from God" – He is the one sent from God. The man's insight has grown tremendously. One whom God has sent – The Messiah.

The Beggar's Theology of Jesus: 1) Only God can heal congenital blindness. 2) Jesus healed congenital blindness. 3) Jesus must be from God.

John 9:34

"They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins,'" – "you were steeped in sin at birth." Your sickness is because of your sin!

"And they put him out." – The false shepherds put the man out, but the true shepherd takes him in.

Application: 4 Lessons we learn from this man:

1. We, Like This Man, Should Also Be Straightforward In Telling Others What Jesus Has Done For Us. His Testimony Was Factual And Personal.
2. We, Like This Man, Should Also Refuse To Argue.
3. We, Like This Man, Should Also Expect Conflict.
4. We, Like This Man, Should Remember That God Will Not Abandon Us: John 9:35-38.