

John 9:1-41

1 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. **2** And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” **3** Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

* People often attributed ailments/bad things happening to sin/demon possession – See **V34**

Luke 13:1–5 - There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. **2** And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? **3** I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. **4** Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? **5** I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

Acts 28:4–6 - So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live.” **5** But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. **6** However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

* Or Job’s friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar, young Elihu...

* Is it true that sin/demon possession can bring sickness, disease and bad things! Yes!

* That’s why in last chapter – Jesus told the adulteress woman, go and sin no more/stoned.

* Why **John 5:14**, Jesus said to the sick man He had healed at the pool of Bethesda, “See you have been made well, go and sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you.”

* Complete study/Healings of Jesus, which had to do with sin/demon possession/did not.

Respond

1) Go & sin no more lest a worse thing come upon us,

2) Don’t blame someone’s sickness/disease on sin/demon possession, or lack of faith!

4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. **5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” **6** When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. **7** And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. **8** Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?” **9** Some said, “This is he.” Others said, “He is like him.” He said, “I am he.” **10** Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” **11** He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.” **12** Then they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

* Ask yourself? Why did Jesus spit on ground/make clay w/saliva, anoint eyes/blind man???

Genesis 2:7 - And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

* Jesus being, Emmanuel, God with us, Jesus, Yahweh Saves, Living Water – **John 1:3-4** –

* Proved He was God – Healed His creation, Light/World, brought light, where was darkness

Respond – Jesus Created us, Jesus can heal any of us, of anything! All of us, from everything. It is often times in our greatest physical needs we cry out & we find Him!

13 They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. **14** Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. **15** Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” **16** Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. **17** They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” **18** But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. **19** And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” **20** His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; **21** but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.” **22** His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. **23** Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

* Parents – huge caution here! We raise our children to believe in Jesus, to believe Jesus/ (Him)...when they actually step out and believe (take action) don't lose your faith!

* These parents had raised their son/Jewish religion, to believe in the coming of the Messiah, the prophet...when he came to the fulfillment of their faith, they faltered in their faith!

* I see parents who raise their kids in the faith, then when they are old enough to Believe (take action) on their own faith – see parents falter in their faith due to fear!

* Want to go to 1) Youth Group function/event/ministry instead of secular extracurricular sport/activity/club, 2) want to go to Bible College instead of Secular, 3) Short Term/Long Term missions – see parents falter in their faith because of fear!

Respond – Raise our children in true faith, act on that faith, by believing (verb/action) – then walk in your faith and support them in their faith!

24 So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.” **25** He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.” **26** Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” **27** He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?” **28** Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. **29** We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.” **30** The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!” **31** Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. **32** Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. **33** If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

1) Greatest evidences of our relationship with Jesus is our Changed Life!!!

2) Young man, w/as little knowledge/faith he has- see the faulty knowledge/faith/religion

* And he can see their biased ignorance, refusal to even consider the possibility of the truth

Respond – That was the story of Many of us! Is the story of many around us.

* Maybe you today – denial, not based solely on ignorance, but refusal/consider/truth/Jesus!
34 They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out. **35** Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” **36** He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” **37** And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.” **38** Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him. **39** And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, **that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.**” **40** Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, “Are we blind also?” **41** Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.

1) Those who religion casts out, Jesus searches out and finds!

2) Those who are blind, when given the truth, are given sight to see!

3) Those who think they see, and reject the truth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, are truly blind.

4) Those who are blind, will die in their sins as a result of their choice of blindness to the forgiveness of sins found in Jesus Christ.

5) Those who see, will be forgiven of sins,.

* Which are you today???

* Accept Him as your Healer, the one who takes away your sins?

* Must accept Him as your Lord!

* Go out and live a changed life – people will notice – isn’t that the guy/gal who used to...

* Give your testimony of Jesus – I was blind, now I see!

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