

(1) As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

(6) Having said these things, He spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

(vs. 8-34, The Blind Man & His Parents are Interrogated by the Pharisees)

(35) Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you.”

(38) He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshipped Him.

(39) Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near Him heard these things, and said to Him, “Are we also blind?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

Think on these things:

- 1) Do you believe that God sends sickness and physical handicaps on sinful people? See these verses: Matthew 5:43-45; Exodus 20:4-6 & 34:4-7; Leviticus 26:14-17, 40-42; Deuteronomy 28:15-24; Psalm 107:17-22; Jeremiah 32:17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:27-32; James 5:13-16. Why does Jesus say this man was blind (v.3)?

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Verses show...? _____

Why this man was blind? _____

- 2) Jesus discusses two different kinds of lifestyles, using the categories of “darkness” and “light.” (See John 3:19-21) Jesus is the Light of the World (John 8:12), and He refers to His followers as children of light (Ephesians 5:8). We are to have nothing to do with the deeds of darkness (Ephesians 5:8-13; 1 John 1:5-7; 2:8-11). What do you think Jesus means with His words in v.4, “Night comes when no one can work” (John 12:35-36)?

- 3) Isaiah 61:1-3 addresses the “good works” that Messiah was going to do, and Jesus claimed these verses were specifically about Him (Luke 6:16-21; 7:18-23). Can you name some good works that are appropriate for Christian believers (Matthew 5:16; Hebrews 10:24; 1 Peter 2:12)?

- 4) How did Jesus physically treat the blind man (vs. 6-7)? Does this surprise you in any way?

- 5) In v.35, Jesus asks the healed blind man if he believed in the “Son of Man.” In v.37, who did Jesus say is the “Son of Man”? Why do you think He spoke like this? (The term “Son of Man” is used over 80 times in the four Gospels.) What did the man do once he understood Son of Man?

What did he do (v.38)? _____

- 6) Notice the conflicting comments Jesus makes about Himself in John 3:17 and 9:39. The key to understanding is to recognize whom He addresses.

Who will He not judge with this first coming (John 3:17)? _____

Who was He planning to judge with this first coming (John 9:39)? _____

- 7) In v.40, the Pharisees asked Jesus, “Are we also blind?” They understood He was talking about them in v.39, and they were incensed! What do you think He is trying to communicate to them by discussing ‘seeing and blindness’? (Consider the truth of Romans 14:17.)

People and situations I want to pray for this week: