

John 9:1-38
"Jesus Heals Man Born
Blind"

Deaf Church
1-8-2023
"Vision Sunday"
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1. Introduction

- a. Central verse Jn 9:35
- b. Man blind from birth (9:1)
- c. Jesus earlier was teaching in the temple (Jn 8:2)
 - Jesus later went through the temple & left (Jn 8:59)
 - Jesus then passed by blind man (9:1)

2. Reason for man's blindness

- a. ~~The~~ Disciples asked common question of the day (Jn 9:2)
 - "Who sinned?" His parents or him?"
 - * common thought that disaster or misfortune due to sin
 - * common theme in Job
- b. Jesus answered, "Neither" (9:3)
 - this not punishment for sin
 - instead God permitted man to be born blind
 - * God reveals His work even in personal misfortunes

- c. Jesus gives more teaching (9:5)
 - "I am the light of the world"

3. Truth to learn about Jesus

- a. Man's vision is dark
- b. Blind man heard Jesus' words
 - he could feel heat of the sun but not see sunshine
 - he could feel cold of night but not see daylight or stars
 - he could hear passing footsteps but not see people
- c. Blind man's eyes covered in clay
- d. "Go wash in Pool of Siloam" (9:7)
 - man came back with vision

4. Reason Pharisees stumble ②

a. Confusion about man's identity (9:8-11)

- neighbors thought they recognized him
- * but he was no longer blind

* how you healed?

- man named Jesus did this

b. Former blind man brought to Pharisees (9:13)

- miracle performed on Sabbath Day (9:14)

- Pharisees divided over miracle

* Jesus worked on Sabbath

* Jesus a sinner (9:16)

c. Man called Jesus a prophet (9:17)

d. Pharisees talked with his parents (9:18-23)

- Pharisees did not believe his former blindness

- his parents verified his former blindness

- they told them to ask him directly because they feared the Pharisees (9:22)

- Pharisees wanted to punish anyone who believed Jesus was the Christ (promised Messiah)

e. Pharisees asked man again (9:24-35)

- man's witness (9:25) witty & clever

* "sinner or not, "I was blind but now I see"

* "you want to hear again? you want to become His disciples? (9:27)

* Marvelous thing. You don't know where He's from. Yet He healed me (9:30)

* Unheard of anyone opening blind man's eyes before (9:32)

* Pharisees excommunicated him (9:34)

- 5 - Blind Man's faith in Christ
- a. Jesus found the man (9:35)
 - "Do you believe in the Son of God?"
 - b. Man asked, "Who is He?"
 - remember man never saw Jesus before
 - * his eyes were covered in clay
 - * he made his way blind to Pool of Siloam
 - man wants to believe on Son of God (9:36)
 - c. Jesus declares Himself (9:37)
 - You have seen Him
 - He who is talking with you
 - d. Man says who he believes (9:38)
 - "Lord I believe"
 - * He gave worship to Jesus
6. Jesus accepted man's worship
- a. Jesus never told him to stop
 - b. Where does worship belong?
 - Exod 34:14 worship no other God
 - Deut 10:16 Don't deceive your heart, turn aside, & serve other gods
 - 1 Chron 16:29 give to God the glory ... worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
 - Ps 95:6 worship, bow down, & kneel before the Lord our Maker
 - Mt 2:11 wise men worship infant Jesus
 - Lk 4:8 Jesus to Satan, "You shall worship the Lord your God, & Him only shall you serve (Mt 4:10)"
 - Heb 1:6 "Let all the angels of God worship Him (Lk 2:9, 13-14)"
 - Rev 19:10 Worship God
 - Is 48:11 "I will not give My glory to another"

6c. Other people worship Jesus (4)

- Mt 8:2 a leper
- Mt 9:18 Jairus ruler of a synagogue (Mk 5:22, Lk 8:41)
- Mt 14:26, 33 disciples worship Jesus in a ship
- Mt 15:22, 25 Syro-Phoenician woman
- Mt 28:9 women coming from tomb
- Mt 28:16-17 Eleven disciples in Galilee
- Jn 9:38 man born blind

7. Conclusion

- Blind who lived in darkness received light of vision
- Pharisees, who lived in daylight remained in the darkness of their disbelief of Jesus as Messiah
- Jn 9:39 judgment (decision day)
 - those who see might not see
 - those who see might be made blind