

# Seeing as Clear as Mud

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1. Why did Jesus' disciples think the man was blind as a result of sin? What could have given them that impression? (v. 1,2)
  
2. What does Jesus' response to their question tell us about how God views physical ailments? How should a believer react to such problems? (v. 3-5)
  
3. How did Jesus heal the man? Why do you think Jesus chose to heal him in this manner? (v. 6,7)
  
4. Discuss the reaction of the blind man and of his neighbors of his healing. (v. 8-12)
  
5. Why were the Pharisees concerned about the man's healing? What does the man's reaction tell you about him? (v. 13-16)

<sup>1</sup>Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"

<sup>9</sup>Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he."

<sup>10</sup>Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

<sup>11</sup>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."

<sup>12</sup>Then they said to him, "Where is He?"

He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>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."

<sup>16</sup>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.

# Read: John 9:17-41

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**Monday**

17 — Why did the blind man believe Jesus was a prophet? What was the risk in admitting divine approval on Jesus' ministry? What can be learned from the simplicity of the blind man's belief?

**Tuesday**

18-23 — Did the Jews have adequate reason to question Jesus' miracles (cf. 2:1-10; 4:16-54; 5:1-9; 6:1-14)? What was the real reason for their questions? Why were the blind man's parents afraid to answer for their son?

**Wednesday**

24-29 — How were the Jews trying to get the man to answer? What can be learned from his answer? Why did the Pharisees have such a high opinion of Moses?

**Thursday**

30-34 — What does the blind man communicate about his faith in how he talks to the Jews? What is at the root of the Jews' comment in verse 34 (and at the root of their entire lives)?

**Friday**

35-38 — Why did Jesus find the man? Was the blind man seeking Him? What condition was the man's heart in that he believed so quickly?

**Saturday**

39-41 — How does Jesus give sight to the blind? What did the Pharisees need to understand in order to see their blindness? How does humility affect sight (cf. 1 Peter 5:5)?

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