

Class Structure

05/21/23

- 1: Sing Christ has Risen English & Greek**
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John 9:1-41 *(New King James Version)*

A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

This scripture in the past was read along others that on Holy Saturday when the catechumens were baptized. It would show washing, illumination, healing, faith, conversion and salvation in the healing of the blind man.

1 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

Here the scripture says the man was blind from birth. Why ? In the beginning God created the earth and its contents using the word and Christ is the word. If God created some thing a certain way it can not be changed except by God. An example is man can not be changed to be a woman because God made him a man. So it is the man born can not see because he was born blind because he is lacking something to make him whole.

2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

In the biblical times if you where born with problems people believed this has happened because of sin. The disciples wanted to know who caused the sin. Only God would know this answer but the disciples are directing the question to Christ showing without knowing he is the word part of the trinity.

3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

Although from the beginning sickness and death came into the world from sin. If there were no sin then there would be no sickness or death, but not all sickness comes from a person's specific sin. When Jesus says “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. He is hinting that God will heal him and Christ as God will do it.

4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

Christ being in a humanly body, is the light of the world which is considered day, with out Christ, there is darkness and it is night. When he says “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day;” he is letting us know the he is the son of God and will not be with us but for a little while, because the darkness which is night is coming.

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.

Normally when you get dirt in your eyes you go blind. But here Jesus demonstrates he is the Christ, and as He made man from the dust of the earth, He takes the same dust and makes mud to supply what was lacking from the blind man and make him whole and able to see not just physically but spiritually as well. In this miracle he is showing the world he is God through his actions for those who have eyes to see.

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.

The blind man is sent to wash his eyes, not because he needed the mud or the water to see, but Jesus did this to test his faith. Without faith God doesn't work in our lives. With faith God will give us the grace to see spiritual things. This mans faith was so strong because he had to go from the temple across town to the pool of Siloam which was a long distance especially for a blind man. But through faith that Jesus would heal his eyes, he went. Just as God the Father sent the word of God, Christ so Christ sent the blind man to the pool called sent to test the mans faith.

8 Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?”

The neighbor could not believe that the man could see so they started asking each other if that was him, because of the miracle.

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.”

The Pharisees Excommunicate the Healed Man

13 They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.

The pharisees were a religious group of jews at the time, so they brought the man who was healed to see what they would say about the miracle.

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.

Some of the Pharisees thought Jesus was not from God because he broke the Sabbath, but others believed he was because of his miracle.

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.

The jews did not believe he had been blind because this was such a huge miracle and was thought that it was impossible so they called his parents to confirm

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.”
- 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.”
- 34** They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.

True Vision and True Blindness

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.

After the man went to the pool with **Faith** he **Washed** his eyes or sins away and was **Healed**. While he was explaining what happened to him, he became **Illuminated** to the point of teaching the Pharisees about God. During this process he **Converted** to Christianity by believing in Christ and was **Saved** through his believe and worshiping.

This is the same process for us as Christians through **Faith** we are baptized and **Wash** away sin. We become **Illuminated** through the Holy Spirt and fully **Converted** to Christianity from where our **Salvation** starts, as we live as Jesus commanded us, we are **Healed** from death.

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