

## John 9- Are You Blind?

- If Jesus Christ walked into this room tonight and asked: “Are You Blind?” – what would you say?
- **John 9:41**, Jesus said this: “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”
- I want to help us to understand what Jesus means here so that we can do what He wants us to do... **Turn to John 9**

### **V2-12- First question**

- **Who sinned that caused this man to be blind?** (Common question- Ezekiel 18:4,20; Jer 31:29–30)
- No one- The souls that sin shall die
- “While I am in the world” when linked to the “I am” saying of 9:5 functions both as a messianic statement and as an announcement to Jesus’ disciples that his earthly role was definitely to be limited in time.
- A blind man is healed by Jesus. The evidence is beyond rejection. A miracle has occurred.
- Giving sight to the blind was predicted as a Messianic activity. (**Isaiah 29:18**)
- The intersection of the Pool of Siloam with the Festival of Tabernacles should also not be overlooked here because the water drawn for the water ceremony in the temple was carried in procession from this very same pool.

### **V13-23- Second Question**

- This is in Jerusalem and draws the interest of the Pharisees. (v.13-15).
- V14- The Pharisees problem- It was the Sabbath day (they accused Him of breaking it) were divided
  - Some said he can’t be from God because He violated the Sabbath day
  - Some asked how a sinner could do such a thing
  - In the bible we see division as God’s word was preached (Acts 2,7- same message different heart)
- **They asked the man what He thought regarding Jesus**
  - He said Jesus was a prophet (from God) right, but not completely right...His knowledge will expand. We must have the spiritual vision to Jesus as the Christ
- They called it a hoax and went to his parents, but before, they threatened anyone who confessed Jesus as Christ to be thrown out of the synagogue
- The parents said he is a grown man ask him.

### **V24-34- Third Question**

- They told him to give God glory and that this Man is a sinner. He had been trying to.
- **V26- What did He do to you?** Then asks them if they want to be His disciple. (Hilarious)
  - They said we are the disciples of Moses. (shows great hypocrisy)
  - If they had been true disciples, they would have known (Deut 18:15, Acts 3:19-26)
- V30- God would not allow a man who was a sinner to do this
- V32- Never since the beginning of the world has a blind man been healed.
- V34- NAB (“and you are giving us lectures”) For the evangelist this man’s ability to teach the teachers would in all probability be seen as part of the fulfilment of the scripture that was cited in 6:45—‘And they shall all be taught by God’ (Isa. 54:13)
- The pharisees said he born in utter sin and cast the blind man out. (Goes back to the original question)

### **V35-41- Fourth Question**

- Jesus found Him- John 5:14
- What would it have been like to be born and see for the first time? (v30)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxX2mooQOZE>
- **Do you believe in the Son of God?**
  - This man did not question the conditions under which he was healed or the sabbath issue. He said I believe and He worshipped Him.
- V39- Jesus goes back to the heart of the matter (spiritual vision)
  - Dealing with physical sight and spiritual blindness or Spiritual sight and physical blindness (He does this often- first must be last, live must die)
  - Everyone involved has access to the exact evidence and Jesus said He is here to put people in a position to make a choice about the Messiah.
  - First clause- Blind man- No ability to use eyesight but could see Jesus was the Son of God

- Second Clause- Pharisees- Had complete physical eyesight but were blind to the identity of Jesus even with access to the same Jesus.
- The Pharisees hear Jesus say this and fell for the trap and asked are we blind also? I think they understood what He was saying. Jesus said “if you were blind (like the blind man) you would have no guilt, but you say you see we see therefore your sin remains”

Application- Am I doing what the blind man did or what the Pharisees did?

Blind Man	Pharisees	Us
<p><b>His heart is now open to Jesus.</b>            V17 – “He is a Prophet”            V25 – “One thing I know”            V30-31 – “God fearing and does His will”            V38 – “Lord, I believe. The Pharisees hearts are closed</p>	<p><b>Closed Heart</b>            V17-18 – “The Jews then did not believe it of him”            V24-25 – “We know that this man is a sinner.”            V33-34 – “Are you teaching us?’ So they put him out.”            V38-40 – “We are not blind too are we?” They are saying, NO WAY!</p>	<p>Are you open to believing?            Are you open to knowing?            Are you open to doing?            Are you open to being wrong?            Are you open to being taught?            Are you open to changing?            Are you open to giving your time?            Are you open to stopping sin?</p>
<p><b>Humble</b>            V11- Humility leans on Jesus            V17 – Humility announces that He is greater than me in every way.            V38 – Humility isn’t driven by what I know, but believe in Him. And we worship Him!</p>	<p><b>Pride</b>            V16 – Pride can’t get over this idea that it has everything all figured out.            V24 – Pride knows everything and builds all conclusions off of that.            V28-29 – Pride boasts of knowledge and position and always defends itself.</p>	<p>Do you know you have lots to learn?            Do you worship God?            Do you give God credit?            Do you give to God?            Do you think of others first?            Do you pray?</p>