

BORN BLIND

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Study of John / John 9:1–41

Introduction:

In Chapter 8, Jesus had proclaimed Himself to be the “Light of the World.” Here, He encounters a man who was born blind. How do the various characters in this story react to the Light?

I. The Reason for Blindness. (1-5)

II. The Remedy for Blindness. (6-7)

III. The Reaction to Blindness. (8-34)

A. The Neighbors. [8-12]

B. The Pharisees. [13-17]

C. The Parents. [18-23]

D. The Former Blind Man. [24-34]

IV. The Redeemer of Blindness. (35-41)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT

1. Why was the man in John 9:1 born blind?
2. How did Jesus restore the man's sight? When did the healing actually take affect?
3. Why did the Pharisees have a problem with that? Were they all in agreement?
4. The Pharisees initially want to know exactly what Jesus did to heal the blind man. Once the blind man identified Jesus as "a prophet," how did their line of questioning change?
5. When the Pharisees question the man's parents, they acknowledge that he was born blind, but say that they do not know how he regained his sight or "who opened his eyes." Why do they direct the Pharisees to ask their son instead of answering themselves?
6. When the Pharisees interview the man a second time, what assertion do they make about Jesus? (9:24b)
7. When being questioned a second time, the man does not change his testimony about how Jesus healed him. How do the Pharisees respond?
8. Does the man respond with the same fear that his parents exhibited toward the Pharisees? How is his response different?
9. How do the Pharisees respond to the man's assertions about Jesus in 9:30-33?
10. When Jesus heard that they cast the man out, he found him and asked if he believed in the Son of Man. The man asked Jesus, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him? Jesus responded, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." How does the man respond?
11. The man's parents were afraid to take a stand. The Pharisees themselves are divided about Jesus, but no one speaks out. Have you ever been afraid to take a stand?
12. Consider the man's response to repeated questioning. What can we learn from him about how to respond to unbelievers?
13. What can we learn from the Pharisees?

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