

Day 4. John 9:1-17

INTERPRETATION – WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN?

Remember the spiritual blindness of the Jews in John 8:53? What was the last question they asked Jesus in that verse? Write it here: *Who do you make yourself out to be?*

The Jews were spiritually blind, as we saw in chapter 8. They could not see that Jesus was indeed the light of the world and the great I AM. Now in chapter 9, we see the sixth miracle in John play out as an object lesson. Take a moment and record this miracle on the chart in Week 1, Day 2.

What were the two explanations for this man's blindness, according to the disciples? *The blind man's sin caused it, or his parents' sin*

According to Jesus, why had this man been born blind? *So that God would get the glory for healing him*

The pool of Siloam is significant, because this is where the water came from during the Feast of Booths water ceremony. At the Feast of Booths (chapters 7-8), what did Jesus claim about himself that he also repeats here in John 9? *I am the light of the world*

How does this miracle (verse 6) remind you of the creation in Genesis 2:7? What similarities do you see? What does this tell you about Jesus? *In the creation story, God forms man from the dust of the ground. In this miracle, Jesus uses the ground mixed with saliva. It shows that Jesus is fully God and can recreate this man's eyes because he is the Creator.*

The Pharisees are spiritually blind and full of unbelief. What characteristic(s) of an unbelieving heart do you find in verses 13-17? Answers will vary. *Evidence is never enough, rejects the facts, proud, more interested in outer conformity than heart change*

Can you summarize in your own words what this section means?

Answers will vary. Jesus shows himself to be the Creator of the world by recreating seeing eyes in the blind man. The Pharisees are filled with unbelief.