

John 9:1-17 New Living Translation (NLT)

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

1 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. **2** “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?” **3** “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. **4** We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us.^[a] The night is coming, and then no one can work. **5** But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.” **6** Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes. **7** He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “sent”). So the man went and washed and came back seeing! **8** His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?” **9** Some said he was, and others said, “No, he just looks like him!” But the beggar kept saying, “Yes, I am the same one!” **10** They asked, “Who healed you? What happened?” **11** He told them, “The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see!” **12** “Where is he now?” they asked. “I don’t know,” he replied. **13** Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, **14** because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. **15** The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, “He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!” **16** Some of the Pharisees said, “This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath.” Others said, “But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?” So there was a deep division of opinion among them. **17** Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, “What’s your opinion about this man who healed you?” The man replied, “I think he must be a prophet.”

Questions:

1. What did the disciples think was the reason for this man being born blind in v2?
2. How did Jesus respond to their question in v3?
3. How did Jesus describe himself in v5? What does that mean?
4. Describe what Jesus did to the blind man and what Jesus told the blind man to do in v6-7.
5. What was the response of the blind man’s neighbors and others that knew him in v8-9?
6. Where did they take the man born blind according to v13?
7. What did the man born blind tell the Pharisees in v15?
8. What two ideas did the Pharisees have about Jesus in v16?
9. The Pharisees asked the man born blind his opinion of Jesus. What was his response in v17?
10. Who is Jesus to you?