

JOHN 9
**An encounter with:
a blind man**

Light and darkness

Darkness / blindness – less knowledge / danger

Light / sight – more knowledge / safer

Pictures of spiritual truths:

- “I am the light of the world.” (v.5)
- “I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.” (v.39)

The blind man sees

Scene 1: The Healing

Scene 2: The Trial

Scene 3: The Meeting

Scene 1: The Healing (v. 1-12)

He was:

- Blind from birth (v. 1)
- A beggar (v. 8)

Jesus:

- Covered his eyes with mud / clay (v. 6)
- Sent him away to wash (v. 7)

He:

- Trusted and obeyed (v. 7)
- Came home transformed (v. 7-9)

Scene 2: The Trial (v. 13-34)

The Pharisees were spiritually blind:

- ⦿ Made their own rules on the Sabbath:
 - Must not mix mud
 - Must not heal, except extreme emergency
- ⦿ Already decided that “this man” (Jesus):
 - Not from God (v. 16)
 - Not the Christ (v. 22)
 - A sinner (v. 24)
- ⦿ Deny the miracle happened (v. 18-21)

Scene 2: The Trial

The healed man grew in confidence:

- ⦿ “The man they call Jesus” (v. 11)
- ⦿ “He is a prophet” (v. 17)
- ⦿ “One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!” (v. 25)
- ⦿ “If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” (v. 33)

He is called a sinner (like Jesus) and thrown out (v. 34)

Scene 3: The Meeting (v. 35-38)

- Jesus finds him (v. 35)
- The man sees Jesus (v. 35-37)
- The man believes and worships (v. 38)

What about us?

- ⦿ Can we say “... but now I see”?
- ⦿ Even new believers can witness.
- ⦿ “As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me.” (v. 4)

Resources

