

“Is This Not He Who Sat and Begged?”

John 9:1-9

Jesus Christ gives sight to a man born blind

1. The Man’s Pitiful Condition

v. 1 (8)

(1) Blind from birth!

*“Now as Jesus passed by,
He saw a man who was blind from birth.”*

(2) Reduced to poverty and begging!

2. The Purpose of God

vv. 2-5

(1) A Misconception addressed

*And His disciples asked Him,
‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents,
that he was born blind?’”*

- A common belief:

– That if one was afflicted with a disease or some other malady,
it must have meant that such a one had sinned

- cf. Job’s friends, as they looked upon him in his great calamities

(2) To Display God’s Great Works (3) *“Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.”*

(3) To Attest to the Person and Mission of Jesus (4-5)

- He does the same works as His Father!

*“I must work the works of Him who sent Me
while it is day;
the night is coming when no one can work.”*

- He gives light and sight to men

*“As long as I am in the world,
I am the light of the world.”*

- He exposes unbelief and the works of darkness

3. A Great Work of God

vv. 6-9

(1) Our Lord's Method v.6 *"He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva;
and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay."*

- **He does this mighty work in such a way as to contradict the man-made laws of the Pharisees.**

- He mixes saliva with dirt, making clay, and applies it to the man's eyes.
- This constituted *several* technical violations of the man-made Sabbath laws.

(2) His Directive v.7 *"And he said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.'"*

(3) The Marvelous Outcome *"So he went and washed, and came back seeing."*

- A dramatic, staggering miracle!

- People can't believe this is the same man! (8-9)

Further Application:

