

CHAPTER 70

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

(John 9:1-18) As he was passing along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him: “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, so that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered: “Neither this man sinned nor his parents, but it was so that the works of God might be made manifest in his case. 4 We must do the works of the One who sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the world’s light.” 6 After he said these things, he spat on the ground and made a paste with the saliva, and he smeared the paste on the man’s eyes 7 and said to him: “Go wash in the pool of Si·lo’am” (which is translated “Sent Forth”). And he went and washed, and came back seeing. 8 Then the neighbors and those who formerly used to see that he was a beggar began to say: “This is the man who used to sit and beg, is it not?” 9 Some were saying: “This is he.” Others were saying: “No, but he looks like him.” The man kept saying: “I am he.” 10 So they asked him: “How, then, were your eyes opened?” 11 He answered: “The man called Jesus made a paste and smeared it on my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Si·lo’am and wash.’ So I went and washed and gained sight.” 12 At this they said to him: “Where is that man?” He said: “I do not know.” 13 They led the formerly blind man to the Pharisees. 14 Incidentally, the day that Jesus made the paste and opened his eyes was the Sabbath. 15 So this time the Pharisees also began asking the man how he gained sight. He said to them: “He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.” 16 Some of the Pharisees then began to say: “This is not a man from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said: “How can a man who is a sinner perform signs of that sort?” So there was a division among them. 17 And again they said to the blind man: “What do you say about him, since it was your eyes that he opened?”

The man said: “He is a prophet.” 18 However, the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had gained sight, until they called the parents of the man who could now see.

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(John 9:2) And his disciples asked him: “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, so that he was born blind?”

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(John 9:3) Jesus answered: “Neither this man sinned nor his parents, but it was so that the works of God might be made manifest in his case.

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(John 9:4, 5) We must do the works of the One who sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the world’s light.”

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(John 9:7) and said to him: “Go wash in the pool of Si·lo’am” (which is translated “Sent Forth”). And he went and washed, and came back seeing.

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(John 9:10-12) So they asked him: “How, then, were your eyes opened?” 11 He answered: “The man called Jesus made a paste and smeared it on my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Si·lo’am and wash.’ So I went and washed and gained sight.” 12 At this they said to him: “Where is that man?” He said: “I do not know.”

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(John 9:17) And again they said to the blind man: “What do you say about him, since it was your eyes that he opened?” The man said: “He is a prophet.”

◇What is the cause of the man’s blindness, and what is not?

◇How do those who know the blind man react to his being healed?

◇How are the Pharisees divided over the man’s being healed?
