

## “You Have Seen Him” - John 9:24-38

Ask - “Do you ever have difficulty seeing? Share a funny story if you have one.”

Background - Jesus’ healing ministry continued. He encountered a blind beggar, rubbed clay in his eyes, and sent him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. When he did so, the man’s blindness was healed and he could see. This miracle led to a great controversy among the people and the Pharisees. Read verses 1-23 before answering the questions below.

“All I Know Is...” - John 9:24-29

(v24-25) Who did the Pharisees instruct the healed man to give glory to and why? Did the man agree with their characterization of Jesus? How did he answer them?

(v26-27) What did the Pharisees want to know? How did the formerly blind man both rebuke them and challenge them with his answer?

(v28-29) How did the Pharisees respond to the healed man, how did they distinguish themselves from him, and how did they question Jesus’ credentials?

THE MAN WHOM JESUS HAD HEALED FROM HIS BLINDNESS DID NOT KNOW WHO OR WHERE JESUS WAS, BUT KNEW THAT HE COULD NOW SEE! THE PHARISEES WERE BRAZENLY DISPARAGING JESUS’ NAME.

“The Amazing Thing Is...” - John 9:30-34

(v30) How did the healed man chastise the Pharisees? To whom did he attribute his miraculous healing?

(v31-33) How did the formerly blind man defend Jesus from the Pharisees’ accusations (v24)? Look at the arguments he made and discuss them.

(v34) Rather than justifying their argument, what did the Pharisees do? Is this type of thing still done today, and if so, give an example.

RATHER THAN COWERING BEFORE THEM, THE HEALED MAN DEFENDED JESUS BEFORE THE PHARISEES. THEY WERE UNABLE TO REFUTE HIS ARGUMENT, SO THEY BELITTLED HIM AND THREW HIM OUT.

“Lord, I Believe” - John 9:35-38

(v35) What did Jesus do when He heard what the Pharisees had done to the man? What did Jesus ask him? By what name did Jesus refer to Himself?

(v36-37) At this point, did the man know who Jesus was? How did Jesus reveal His identity to the man? How did the man's physical healing lead to his spiritual healing? Discuss.

(v38) What title did the healed man give to Jesus? How did his knowledge of who Jesus was/is change? What did the man immediately do? Which was the greater miracle?

JESUS FOUND THE MAN WHOM HE HAD HEALED AND CALLED HIM TO SALVATION. THE MAN BELIEVED IN JESUS AND WAS BORN AGAIN.

Application - Jesus performed physical miracles to reveal Himself as the divine Son of God. These wonders served as evidence of His sinless character and identity. His primary purpose for healing the sick and afflicted was to lead people to salvation. Eternal healing is a far greater work than temporal healing. Listen to the song "All I Know" by Caedom's Call and discuss how this lesson applies to you. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYM-MfpHmHw>)