

The Healed Man Defends Jesus

John 9:22-41

The Pharisees Try to Teach the Blind Man

²² His parents said these *things* because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed *that* He *was* Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it* again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; *as for this fellow*, we do not know where He is from."

The Blind Man Teaches the Pharisees

³⁰ The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! ³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

The Blind Man Confesses His Belief In Jesus

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" ³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" ³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." ³⁸ Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him. ³⁹ And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind." ⁴⁰ Then *some* of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains."

Questions:

1. What did the blind man's parents fear from the Jews? vs 22 What was the big deal about this.. couldn't they just join another synagogue down the street or do without it altogether?
2. V 24-25 What did the Pharisees demand the man do to glorify God? How did the blind man respond.. and why was this a good answer?
3. What question did the Pharisees ask the man again (v 26) and how did he answer? (Think about this: is it ever right to refuse to answer a religious question? If so, when?)
4. Why did the Pharisees insist they were on solid ground as Moses' disciples? v 28-29 What is the problem with their claim to be true followers of Moses? (examine again John 5:45-47)
5. The blind man begins to teach the teachers in vs 30-33. His answers are very logical. In your own words, explain his main argument and conclusion. How do the Pharisees respond? (v 34)
6. Notice the important statement the blind man makes in vs. 31. Though not inspired, how does he state a truth that is affirmed many times by inspired men in other places? (Psalm 66:18; Prov 28:9; 1 Pet 3:12; 1 Jn 5:14-15)?
7. How do you think the blind man was feeling when he was first healed? When he was questioned by the Pharisees the first time, then the second time, and now after he was cast out of the synagogue? How would you feel?
8. Why does Jesus go to the blind man again in vs 35? How had the man's thinking toward Jesus changed since the first meeting? (look back at vs 17 for his thinking after the first meeting)
9. How does Jesus clearly identify Himself here in 35-37? How does this refute the claim made by the Muslims that Jesus never claimed to be the Son of God? Was Jesus wrong to let the man worship Him?
10. How do you explain Jesus' pronouncement in vs 39-41 that He has come for judgment to cause those who do not see to see, and those who see to be made blind? What blindness is He talking about?