

The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Thirty-One

Giving Sight to a Man Blind from Birth

Text: John 9

Introduction:

1. As the time of His death grows closer, Jesus leads His disciples back to Judah.
2. Instead of making a grand public entrance, Jesus traveled privately through Samaria to Jerusalem at the time of the feast (John 7:2-10; Luke 9:51-56).
3. Upon arriving, Jesus publicly confronted the rumors about Him and the hypocrisy of the Pharisees.
4. By healing a man who was blind from his birth, Jesus demonstrated both the truth He taught and the deceptiveness of the Pharisees.

I. The Miracle

- A. Jesus met a man who had been born blind.
 1. This affliction was not due to the sins of this man or his parents (cf. Luke 13:4).
 2. Instead, it was an opportunity for the glory of God to be made known.
- B. The details of this man's healing are more elaborate than most other miracles.
 1. First, Jesus made clay by spitting on the ground (cf. Mark 7:33; 8:23).
 2. Then, He anointed the blind man's eyes with the clay.
 3. Finally, He commanded him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam.
 4. None of these things was medicinal, but served to test the faith of the blind man and the sincerity of the Pharisees.
- C. When the blind man obeyed, he was healed and returned seeing!

II. The Manifestation

- A. Jesus proved that He is the light of the world. { *What He could do physically, He also could do spiritually.* }
- B. Jesus proved His deity and, therefore, His authority.
- C. Jesus demonstrated true compassion for the needs of man in contrast to the hypocritical, self-serving religion of the Pharisees.
- D. Jesus manifested Himself as Savior of the world.

III. The Message

- A. Not all afflictions are the result of personal sin.
- B. We must learn to use our sufferings as a means of glorifying God.
- C. We must work while it is day, for night is coming for us all (Hebrews 9:27).
- D. There is water in God's plan of healing (cf. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; etc.)!
- E. We should always tell the simple truth about how to receive the blessings of God.
- F. "How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?"
- G. We must not let fear of man cause us to deny Jesus (cf. John 7:13; 12:42-43; 19:38; Matt. 10:32-33; Psalm 27:1; Luke 12:4-9; 22:56-61).
- H. Jesus will receive those who are cast out by man.
- I. Those who believe must worship (cf. John 4:24).
- J. *There is none so blind as he who will not see.*