

Christ Healing a Blind Man

John 9:1–17, 35–38

A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. John 9:11

One Sabbath day Jesus saw a man who had been born blind. Jesus's disciples asked Him who had sinned to cause this handicap, the man or his parents. Jesus answered that neither the man nor his parents had sinned. Heavenly Father allowed him to be born blind so that the "works of God should be made manifest in him" (John 9:3; see also John 9:1–2, 14).

Jesus spat on the ground and made clay of the damp dirt. He placed the clay on the eyes of the blind man. Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." The blind man did as Jesus said, and a great miracle happened. When the man came out of the pool, he could see. (See John 9:6–7.)

The man's neighbors and others who knew him were amazed. They asked, "Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he" (John 9:8–9). Others insisted it was someone who

looked like him, but the man who had been blind announced, "I am he" (John 9:9). He told his friends how Jesus had anointed his eyes and given him his sight (see John 9:10–11).

The Pharisees said that Jesus was a sinner because He had healed a man on the Sabbath day. "Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?" (John 9:16).

They then asked the man who had been blind who he thought Jesus was. He answered, "He is a prophet" (John 9:17).

Later, Jesus came to the man who had been healed and asked him if he believed in the Son of God (see John 9:35). The man said, "Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?" (John 9:36). Jesus told him that he had seen the Son of God and was talking to Him. The man believed and worshipped Jesus. (See John 9:37–38.)

Summary

On a Sabbath day Jesus saw a man who had been born blind. Jesus spat in the dirt and made clay, then put the clay on the blind man's eyes and sent him to wash in the pool of Siloam. After doing as Jesus said, the man came away from the pool able to see. The man's neighbors were amazed, and he explained to them how Jesus had healed him. The Pharisees claimed

that Jesus was a sinner for having healed someone on the Sabbath. When the man who had been blind was asked what he thought about Jesus, he said Jesus was a prophet. Later, Jesus found the man and revealed that He was the Son of God. The healed man believed and worshipped Jesus.

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