

## BIBLE LESSONS ON JOHN

### JOHN 9

#### Read John 9:1-12

According to Jesus in verse 3, why was this man born blind? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who, according to verse 4, does the works of God? \_\_\_\_\_.

In verse 5, what did Jesus claim to be? \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** In the performing of this miracle, there was a process whereby the man had to respond in obedience as Jesus told him to go and wash. When the man did so, his blindness was healed. When asked how his eyes were opened, he simply recounts the actions of Jesus and his response.

#### Read John 9:13-17

According to verse 16, what was the problem some of the Pharisees had with this miracle? \_\_\_\_\_.

There are two key themes that develop in relation to this story. One is WHO Jesus is, and the second is COMMITMENT to Him.

When asked for an explanation of who Jesus is, what does the formerly blind man say in verse 17? \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Read John 9:18-23

How did the parents answer the question about this healing in verse 21?  
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According to verse 22, what did the Jews forbid people to confess about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Read John 9:24-34

According to verse 24, what did the religious Jews assume about Jesus?  
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What did the healed man assume about Jesus in verses 31-33? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Read John 9:35-41**

Note the progression in the man born blind. In verse 17, he thinks Jesus must be a prophet. In verse 27, he implies he is a disciple (meaning follower). And now in verse 35, Jesus brings him to the point of faith when He asks him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" This is the ultimate issue of faith.

What is the attitude of the healed man in verse 36? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the response of the healed man in verse 38 to the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God? \_\_\_\_\_.

Note that believe and worship are connected here. Worship in the Bible is only to be given to God. This man's worship shows that he believed Jesus was God.

According to Jesus in verse 39, as the light of the world, He came so that the blind might see, and that those who think they can see spiritually on their own, might be made blind.

In response to the Pharisees' question about whether they were blind (v. 40), Jesus in effect says that if they really had no knowledge of the truth, they would have no guilt. However, because they refuse to acknowledge their need and claim to see, Jesus says their sin remains.

**Key Lessons from John 9**

1. Jesus works the works of God because He is God.
2. Jesus' miracle of healing the blind is an illustration of the deeper truth that He gives spiritual sight/light to those who believe in Him.
3. It is not enough to believe in Jesus as a prophet. He must be believed on as the Son of God, that is, very God.

When Jesus says He is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD, what does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please turn to the next page to do a SELF-CHECK of your answers. If you have further questions, email them to doswald1@cox.net.

**ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE**

According to Jesus in verse 3, why was this man born blind? **So that the works of God should be revealed in him.**

Who, according to verse 4, does the works of God? **Jesus.**

In verse 5, what did Jesus claim to be? **The light of the world.**

According to verse 16, what was the problem some of the Pharisees had with this miracle? **It was performed on the Sabbath.**

When asked for an explanation of who Jesus is, what does the formerly blind man say in verse 17? **He is a prophet.**

How did the parents answer the question about this healing in verse 21? **They did not know the means of his healing and that their son should speak for himself.**

According to verse 22, what did the Jews forbid people to confess about Jesus? **That He was the Christ.**

According to verse 24, what did the religious Jews assume about Jesus? **That He was a sinner.**

What did the healed man assume about Jesus in verses 31-33? **He is from God since He can do this miracle.**

What is the attitude of the healed man in verse 36? **He is ready to believe on the basis of Jesus' Word.**

What is the response of the healed man in verse 38 to the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God? **He addresses Jesus as Lord, confesses that he believes, and then worships Jesus.**

When Jesus says He is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD, what does this mean? **Jesus enables people to see the TRUTH of God which is that He Himself is God come in the flesh.**