


Day 1

 Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today's study.

*Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind*

<sup>1</sup> As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Q1. In Jesus' time, if a person was disabled, what was the common belief amongst the people to explain the person's disability?

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**Exodus 20:5**

You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me

**Job 21:19**

You say, 'God stores up their iniquity for their children.' Let him pay it out to them, that they may know it.

<sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.

Q2. If the now healed man and his parents were ostracized for some imagined sins of the man's father for the lifetime of the blind man, how did Jesus' Words sound to the religious leaders?

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**Numbers 15:31**

Because he has despised the word of the Lord and has broken his commandment, that person shall be utterly cut off; his iniquity shall be on him."

**Ezekiel 18:20**

The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

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Q3. How would you explain the apparent contradiction between the Exodus 20:5 and Job 21:19 passages compared to the Numbers 15:31 and Ezekiel 18:20; the first set of passages says punishment for sins of the father will be administered upon his children; the second set talks about individual responsibility for his/her own sins?

Notes: Exodus 20:5

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Notes: Job 21:19

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Notes: Numbers 15:31

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Notes: Ezekiel 18:20

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Are the verses in conflict? Complementary? Or related to different subjects? (Be brief)

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<sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

Q4. Who is “we”?

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Q5. Who is “him”?

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Q6. Why can they only work during the day . . . and not at night?

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<sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Q7. Why does Jesus state that He is "the light of the world"?

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Q8. Jesus said, "While I am in the world" . . . Since He is no longer walking in the world, is He still "light of the world"?

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<sup>6</sup> Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

Q9. Why did Jesus ask the blind man to "wash in the Pool of Siloam"? Could Jesus have healed the blind man outright/immediately?

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<sup>8</sup> His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

Q10. Why did some, who witnessed his blindness, refuse the evidence before them that the man's eyesight was healed?

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<sup>10</sup> “How then were your eyes opened?” they demanded.

<sup>11</sup> He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

<sup>12</sup> “Where is this man?” they asked him.

“I don’t know,” he said.

Q11. Do you think the crowd’s reaction is typical?

Yes? Why?

No?

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Q12. How would people today react to this miracle?

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### *The Pharisees Investigate the Healing*

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath.

Q13. Who were the Pharisees? And why did the crowd bring the now-seeing (formerly blind) man to the Pharisees?

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Q14. Why was it important to the Pharisees that Jesus "opened the man's eyes [on] a Sabbath"?

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#### **Exodus 20:8-11**

<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

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<sup>15</sup> Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others asked, “How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?” So they were divided.

Q15. Why was the simple act of wetting dirt with spit and putting the resulting mud on the man’s eyes concerning to the Pharisees? Why would they say that “he does not keep the Sabbath”?

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<sup>17</sup> Finally they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents. <sup>19</sup> “Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?”

Q16. Why was it so difficult for the Pharisees to believe that Jesus was from God and had performed a miracle?


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<sup>20</sup> “We know he is our son,” the parents answered, “and we know he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> That was why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

Q17. Verse 21: Do you think it was difficult for the parents to choose between their son or their good standing in the synagogue?

Yes? Why?  
No?

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Q18. Verse 22: Why were the parents “afraid of the Jews”?

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<sup>24</sup> A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God,” they said. “We know this man <sup>[Jesus]</sup> is a sinner.”

Q19. Is there significance to the demand, “Give glory to God”?

Yes? Why?  
No?

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#### Joshua 7:19

Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the Lord God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me.”


Q20. Why did the Pharisees claim, “We know this man is a sinner”?

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<sup>25</sup> He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

<sup>26</sup> Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

<sup>27</sup> He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

Q21. Verse 27: Does the now-seeing man seem intimidated by the Jewish religious leaders?

Yes? Why?

No?

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<sup>28</sup> Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! <sup>29</sup> We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

Q22. Verse 29: Speculation: with the Jewish genealogies available to them, do you think the Jewish religious leaders had discovered that Jesus was born in Bethlehem?

Yes? Why?

No?

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#### **Micah 5:2**

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."



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<sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. <sup>32</sup> Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

<sup>34</sup> To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

Q23. Verses 30-33: Do you think the Holy Spirit was prompting the now-seeing man in his rebuke of the Jewish religious leaders?

Yes? Why?  
No?

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Q24. Verse 34: Why did the Jewish religious leaders claim that the now-seeing man was “steeped in sin at birth”?

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### *Spiritual Blindness*

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

Q25. The man was thrown out of the synagogue; is this a bad thing for the man?

Yes? Why?  
No?

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<sup>36</sup> "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

<sup>38</sup> Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

Q26. What is remarkable about the man's reaction?

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<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

Q27. What did Jesus mean when He said, "the blind will see and those who see will become blind"?

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<sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?”

<sup>41</sup> Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

Q28. Verse 41: Why did Jesus say that the “blind . . . would not be guilty of sin”?

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Q29. Verse 41: Why would guilt remain on the Jewish religious leaders?

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