

Gospel of John Chapter 9

Memory verse: **John 8:24**

²⁴I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins."

John 9(ESV)

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

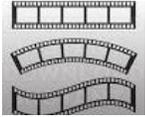
⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner."²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.



Scene it

1. **Summary of Events:** Write down what happened in each scene of this chapter and how it relates to the theme of the book.

Scene	Passage	Location	Characters	What Happened?
22	9:1-6			
23	9:7-12			
24	9:13-17			
25	9:18-23			
26	9:24-34			
27	9:35-			

Sign #6 _____ (9:)

Side note: Can you list the first five signs of Jesus below?

Sign #1 Chapter 2 _____

Sign #2 Chapter 4 _____

Sign #3 Chapter 5 _____

Sign #4 Chapter 6 _____

Sign #5 Chapter 6 _____

2. It is important to notice recurring themes throughout a literary work. This is not different for Biblical narratives. The author is developing themes and motifs throughout this gospel. What information is revealed about the *signs* which Jesus performed and about *belief*?

Signs:

Believe (any form of the word):

Glory:

3. Do you learn anything about **God the Father** or the **Holy Spirit** in Chapter 9? Write it below.

4. What do you observe about our Lord, **Jesus Christ**?

a. What do you learn about His *character*?

b. How does he interact with *people*?

c. How does Jesus conduct *ministry*?

d. What *names/titles* of Jesus are mentioned, if any?

e. What "I AM" statement does Jesus make about Himself? Why is this statement fitting?

I AM the _____ (vss. _____)

5. God continually poured out love upon his chosen people, Israel. The descendants of Abraham were greatly blessed when they put themselves under the headship of Yahweh. But as we see throughout the whole of the Old Testament, Israel constantly rejected Yahweh's love. Isaiah prophesied much about the spiritual state of Israel, and a future day when things would change. What do these passages say about Israel's spiritual state and about God's plan for His chosen people? Read the two passages below. How does Jesus fulfill God's plan from the prophecies of Isaiah 35:1-5 and 42:1-9?

Isaiah 35:1-5

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;

the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

6. What consequence did the man born blind receive because he spoke the truth about Jesus in John 9:34? What was Jesus’ response?

7. What irony do we see regarding blindness in Chapter 9?

Here is the meaning of irony:

- the expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or emphatic effect
- a state of affairs or an event that seems deliberately contrary to what one expects and is often amusing as a result
- a literary technique, originally used in Greek tragedy, by which the full significance of a character's words or actions are clear to the audience or reader although unknown to the character.

Write an Example of Irony in John 9:

GROWING IN RESPECT TO SALVATION



8. What did you learn as a result of spending time in John 9? What do you learn about being a disciple of Christ in this Chapter? How will you apply this?

9. Write the following verses below or on the back of your paper:

John 20:30-31

John 3:35-36

John 6:35

John 8:24



10. Create an artistic expression of this chapter (ie. prayer, poem, picture, acrostic, etc.)