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Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

John Chapter 9

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Doing God's Work

John 9:4, 5 (HCSB)
 "We must do the works of Him who sent Me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

- Why does John use "we" rather than "I"?
- What significance does "light" have in John and then in this passage?
- In Jn 9:16 Jesus is called a Sabbath breaker, is "do the works" in vs 4 significant in that regard?

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Bitter or Better?

John 5:14 (LEB)
 After these things Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "Look, you have become well! Sin no longer, lest something worse happen to you." Gr. Imperative

John 9:38 (HCSB)
 And he [healed blind man] said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.

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Mud in His Eyes

John 9:6 (HCSB)

After He said these things He spit on the ground, made some mud from the saliva, and spread the mud on his eyes.

- What does this have to do with “work the works of God” and “Light of the world”?
- In John 1:1-18 Jesus is declared to be the Creator who brought light
- “Born blind” is a repeated theme in John 9 as is the uniqueness of the miracle about to happen

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The Blind Man Is Healed

John 9:7 (HCSB)

“Go,” He told him, “wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he left, washed, and came back seeing.

- This passage is considered hard to understand
- Water and light are thematic in John 7 & 8 at Tabernacles, does that help us here?

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A Possible Allusion to Creation

Genesis 2:6, 7 (HCSB)

But water would come out of the ground and water the entire surface of the land. Then the Lord God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.

- Jesus’ miracle in John 9 was a creative miracle
- If this is an allusion to Genesis 2, then it reinforces the truths revealed in John about Jesus as Creator

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