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Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

John Chapter 9

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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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Truly Seeing in John

John 9:39 (HCSB)
Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, in order that those who do not see will see and those who do see will become blind."

- John 3:19-21 likely foreshadow this.
- Jesus' saying is not addressed to the blind man who has just worshipped, but is a general statement.
- How can one "see" the kingdom according to John's gospel?

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Another Identity Question

John 9:8,9 (LEB)

Then the neighbors and those who saw him previously (because he was a beggar) began to say, "Is this man not the one who used to sit and beg?" Others were saying, "It is this man"; others were saying, "No, but he is like him." That one was saying, "I am he!"

- Elsewhere Jesus says "I am" (see Jn 8:24 and others)
- Does this help us see that this miracle stands as proof of Jesus' identity? (see Jn 10:37-38)

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Jesus 'Anointed' With Clay

John 9:10, 11 (ESV)

So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He 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."

- The term 'anointed' is in verse 6 as well
- Mud is "pe_los" used 6 times in the NT with 5 of them being in Jn 9; the other is Rom. 9:21
- The blind man simply did what Jesus said to do

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Where Is Jesus?

John 9:12 (LEB)

And they said to him, "Where is that man?" He said, "I do not know."

- "That man" is Gr *ekeinos* the same demonstrative pronoun used of the blind man in vss 6 & 11
- The "where is he" becomes a theme that began in Jn 7:11 and continues to Jn 20:13-15
- John is using foreshadowing to show how this man comes to faith and that we ought to (Jn 20:31)

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A Sabbath Healing

John 9:13, 14 (LEB)

They brought him—the one formerly blind—to the Pharisees. (Now the day on which Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes was the Sabbath.)

- “Sabbath” is found 11 times in John including twice in John 9
- John 5:9-18 set the stage for healing on the Sabbath controversy
