

The Miracles of Jesus
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Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

Miracle #26 – Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind
John 9:1-7

Seven Scenes Given in this Miracle:

1. The miracle - - - John 9:1-7
2. The man is questioned by neighbors - - - John 9:8-12
3. The man is cross examined by the Pharisees - - - John 9:13-17
4. The parents are cross-examined - - - John 9:18-23
5. The man is cross-examined again - - - John 9:24-34
6. Jesus seeks out the man - - - John 9:35-38
7. Significance of the miracle - - - John 9:39-41

• **John 9:1-2**

Jesus continues the ministry of His message and miracle. It has now become more important that people believe in His message as much as His miracles. Salvation is in His message – believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Upon meeting a man blind from his birth, the disciples asked about the reason he was born blind. They presumed his blindness to be a consequence of sin. A common belief in Jewish culture was that suffering was the result of some great sin. This miracle is performed to prove to us that our suffering is not always related to our sins.

• **Exodus 34:7**

Why Do We Suffer?

1. God sees eternally whereas we see presently.
2. God uses suffering and hardship to produce in us Godly character.
3. Suffering keeps us dependent on God.
4. Our personal sufferings are a source of encouragement to others.

• **John 9:3-5**

When suffering from a disease, tragedy, disability or handicap, try not to ask “Why did this happen to me?” or “What did I do wrong?” These are questions one would naturally ask. It is normal to raise questions. However, we would be better served to ask God to give you strength for the trial and a clearer perspective on what is happening. We would ask –

- What can I learn from this painful experience?
- How can I become a better person because of it?
- Help me to use my struggles to glorify you?

That is what Jesus meant by **“the works of God should be made manifest in him.”**

Jesus is approaching Calvary. His tenure in the flesh is about over. His reference to **“night”** implies the end of his earthly ministry. With little time left He refers to Himself as **“Light.” “I am the Light of the World.”**

- **John 8:12**
- **Matthew 5:14**
- **John 9:6-7**

This man’s healing included a command. Jesus again did something unsanitary to perform this miracle. Instead of spitting in the blind man’s eyes as He did in the 25th miracle, in this 26th miracle, He spat on the ground. With His finger, He stirred the spit and sand together and anointed the blind man’s eyes. He told the man to go to the pool of Siloam, wash and he would receive his sight.

- **James 2:20**

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