

The Blind Can See!

(John 9:1-41)

- Introduction:
1. John the Baptist once sent disciples to Jesus so that he could be assured that Jesus was genuine.
 2. The response Jesus gave was the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have the gospel preached to them (Matthew 11:4-5).
 3. These signs were sufficient to answer his question.
 4. And this answer should be sufficient to answer the same questions we have about the person of Jesus (John 20:30-31).
 5. In this lesson, we want to examine three classes of people who all responded differently to the evidences provided them.

I. Background to the Text

- A. A man was blind from birth and the disciples ask who is to blame for his blindness (John 9:1-2).
- B. Jesus said no one was to blame, but that he would be used to bring glory to God (John 9:1-4).
- C. Jesus heals the blind man and everyone becomes aware that the blind man could now see (John 9:6-12).
- D. Decisions had to be made at this point: What were they going to do with Jesus?

II. The Response of the Pharisees

- A. They saw and heard the testimony of the miracle, but refused to accept Christ.
- B. Their minds were closed and they cast the man out of the synagogue and accused Christ of sin.
- C. This is that which was spoken of in Matthew 12:31-37.
- D. How many are willing to weigh evidence contrary to an accepted belief?
- E. How many are willing to change if they are shown to be wrong?

III. The Response of the Blind Man's Parents

- A. They wanted to remain neutral because they were afraid of the consequences of getting involved with Jesus.
- B. (Matthew 12:30).
- C. Some today are nominal Christians who no intention of really getting involved.

IV. The Response of the Blind Man

- A. He shared with others what Jesus had done for him (9:11).
- B. He boldly affirmed that Jesus was a prophet of God (9:17).
- C. He was not afraid of what his fellow man would think (9:30-35).
- D. He suffered the consequences of his convictions, but also enjoyed the reward of his convictions.

- Conclusion:
1. Into which class of people do you fit in today's story?
 2. Evaluate yourself, and make changes if any need to be made.