

“YA GOT MUD ON YOUR FACE”

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JOHN 9—HEALING OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

WHY IS THE BLIND MAN BLIND?

As [Jesus] went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

THE MAN IS BLIND BECAUSE OF WHAT GOD IS ABOUT TO DO.

THE CASE HANGS ON 3 QUESTIONS

#1 WHAT HAPPENED?

⁶ [Jesus] spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam.” So the man went and washed and came home seeing.

#2 WHO DID IT HAPPEN TO?

THE NEIGHBORS’ TESTIMONY

- **THE MAN BORN BLIND (v.9)?**
- **SOMEONE WHO LOOKED LIKE THE MAN BORN BLIND (v.10)?**

THE MAN’S TESTIMONY: “I AM THE MAN.”

HIS PARENT’S TESTIMONY

²⁰ “We know he is our son, and we know he was born blind.

#3 WHO DID IT?

THE HEALED MAN SAID: *“The man they call Jesus.”*
(v.9)

THE PHARISEES MUDDY THE WATERS

¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.

THE MUD STARTS FLYING—JOHN 9:26-34

WHAT DOES JESUS REVEAL ABOUT THE FATHER?

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.
I John 1:5

GOD GIVES SIGHT TO THE BLIND, NOT US.

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. II Corinthians 4:4

GOD’S LIGHT SHINES THROUGH THE LIVES HE’S WORKING IN

...this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. John 9:3

What we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. II Corinthians 4:5-6