

Late Judean Ministry—Healing a Man Born Blind (November 32)

John 9

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

- 1 And *as he* went away, he saw a man blind from birth.
2 And his disciples asked him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?”
3 Jesus replied, “Neither this man sinned nor his parents, but *it happened* so that the works of God could be revealed in him.
4 It is necessary *for* us to do the deeds of the one who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work!
5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”
6 *When he* had said these *things*, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes.
7 And he said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated “sent”). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

Reaction of the Blind Man’s Neighbors

- 8 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?”
9 Others were saying, “It is this man”; others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” That one was saying, “I am *he!*”
10 So they began to say to him, “How were your eyes opened?”
11 He replied, “The man who is called Jesus made clay and smeared *it* on my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash!’ So I went, and I washed, *and* I received sight.”
12 And they said to him, “Where is that man?” He said, “I do not know.”

Examination and Excommunication by the Pharisees

- 13 They brought him—the one formerly blind—to the Pharisees.
14 (Now the day on which Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes was the Sabbath.)
15 So the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”
16 So some of the Pharisees were saying, “This man is not from God, because he does not observe the Sabbath!” Others were saying, “How can a man *who is* a sinner perform such signs?” And there was a division among them.
17 So they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.”
18 So the Jews did not believe concerning him that he had been blind and received sight, until they summoned the parents of the one who received sight.
19 And they asked them, saying, “Is this man your son, whom you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?”
20 So his parents answered and said, “We know that this man is our son, and that he was born blind.
21 But how he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. Ask him! He is a mature adult; he will speak for himself!”
22 (His parents said these *things* because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already decided that if anyone should confess him *to be* Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue.
23 Because of this his parents said, “He is a mature adult; ask him.”)
24 So they summoned the man who had been blind for the second time and said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner!”
25 Then that man replied, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One *thing* I know—that *although I* was blind, now I see!”
26 So they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”
27 He replied to them, “I told you already and you did not listen! Why do you want to hear *it* again? You do not want to become his disciples also, *do you?*”
28 They reviled him and said, “You are his disciple! But we are disciples of Moses!
29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but we do not know where this man is from.”
30 The man answered and said to them, “For the remarkable thing is this, that you do not know where he is from, and he opened my eyes!
31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if someone is devout and does his will, he listens to this one.
32 From time immemorial it has not been heard that someone opened the eyes of one born blind.
33 If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything!”
34 They answered and said to him, “You were born completely in sin, and are you attempting to teach us?” And they threw him out.

Jesus Seeks Out the Blind Man

- 35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and finding him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
36 He answered and said, “And who is *he*, sir, that I may believe in him?”
37 Jesus said to him, “You have both seen him, and he is the one who is speaking with you.”
38 [And he said, “I believe, Lord!” and he worshiped him.]

Blindness of the Pharisees

39 And Jesus said,] “For judgment I have come into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind!”

40 *Some* of the Pharisees who were with him heard these *things* and said to him, “We are not also blind, *are we?*”

41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

Late Judean Ministry—The Good Shepherd (November 32)

John 10:1–21

1 “Truly, truly I say to you, the one who does not enter through the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up at some other place—that one is a thief and a robber.

2 But the one who enters through the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 For this one the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 Whenever he sends out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

5 And they will never follow a stranger, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

6 Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what it was that he was saying to them.

7 Then Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All those who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep do not listen to them.

9 I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and will come in and will go out and will find pasture.

10 The thief comes only so that he can steal and kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf approaching and abandons the sheep and runs away—and the wolf seizes them and scatters *them*—

13 because he is a hired hand and he is not concerned about the sheep.

14 “I am the good shepherd, and I know my *own*, and my *own* know me,

15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And I have other sheep which are not from this fold. I must bring these also, and they will hear my voice, and they will become one flock—one shepherd.

17 Because of this the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take possession of it again.

18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down voluntarily. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take possession of it again. This commandment I received from my Father.”

19 Again there was a division among the Jews because of these words.

20 And many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is out of his mind! Why do you listen to him?”

21 Others were saying, “These are not the words of one who is possessed by a demon! A demon is not able to open the eyes of the blind, *is it?*”

Late Judean Ministry—Jesus at the Feast of Dedication (December 32)

John 10:22–39

22 Then the feast of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,

23 and Jesus was walking in the temple in the Portico of Solomon.

24 So the Jews surrounded him and began to say to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly!”

25 Jesus answered them, “I told you and you do not believe! The deeds that I do in the name of my Father, these testify about me.

26 But you do not believe, because you are not of my sheep!

27 My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

28 And I give them eternal life, and they will never perish forever, and no one will seize them out of my hand.

29 My Father, who has given *them* to me, is greater than all, and no one can seize *them* from the Father’s hand.

30 The Father and I are one.”

31 Then the Jews picked up stones again so that they could stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good deeds from the Father. For which one of them are you going to stone me?”

33 The Jews answered him, “We are not going to stone you concerning a good deed, but concerning blasphemy, and because you, *although you* are a man, make yourself *to be* God!”

34 Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods” ’? [Ps 82:6]

35 If he called them ‘gods’ to whom the word of God came—and the scripture cannot be broken—

36 do you say about *he* whom the Father set apart and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?

37 If I do not do the deeds of my Father, do not believe me.

38 But if I am doing *them*, even if you do not believe me, believe the deeds, so that you may know and understand that the Father *is* in me and I *am* in the Father.”

39 So they were seeking again to seize him, and he departed out of their hand.

From Jerusalem to Perea (32/33)

John 10:40–42

40 And he went away again on the other side of the Jordan, to the place where John was baptizing at an earlier time, and he stayed there.

41 And many came to him and began to say, “John performed no sign, but everything John said about this man was true!”

42 And many believed in him there.

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