

October 24 Answers

- 1) Jesus gave sight to a man who had been blind from birth (John's **sixth** sign). This story teaches us several important lessons: 1) While all physical defects can be traced back to the **fall**, not every infirmity is the direct result of an individual's sin. The disciples' question about the man's guilt revealed their thinking to be as wrong as Job's **friends** (Job 4:7–8). 2) God delights to heal the damage caused by sin, but not every infirmity is meant to display His power. Some ailments are **frequent** and recurring (1 Tim 5:23), while others are for God's **glory** (John 9:3). 3) Jesus put clay on the man's eyes, but his sight was not restored until he **went** to the pool and **washed**. True faith always demonstrates itself by **obedience** to what God commands (James 2:22). 4) Jesus deliberately "**worked**" on the Sabbath (He made clay) in order to restore the man's sight. He did this to expose the spiritual **blindness** of the Pharisees, who refused to believe in him as the Messiah (John 9:22). There are none so blind as those who will not **see**. 5) The Pharisees threw the man out of the **synagogue**, but the One who was greater than the synagogue welcomed him in. Those who are seeking the truth will find to their delight that the **Truth** is seeking them!