

Creation to Christ, Lesson 26: Jesus Heals

Read: John 9:1-41

Jesus says two very important things...

1. *God allows pain and suffering to individuals, not as punishment for sin, but so that God could use them as a means of _____ his power and glory.*
2. *The judgment is coming and when it comes, no one will be able to be saved any longer. It will be too _____. Jesus is saying that time is running out. The daylight is almost over; we need to urgently work at God's business of saving the lost.*

Jesus spit on the ground and made mud paste and rubbed it on the man's eyes...**Why** would someone who spoke the world into existence, choose such a _____ way to heal someone?

When Jesus performed this miracle, he was attacking the Pharisees.

This event happened on a Sabbath day, which the Pharisees manipulated in order to _____ 'holy' they were.

The Pharisee's had two (man made) Sabbath laws that Jesus broke:

1. You can not heal or work with _____ on the Sabbath. (Yoma 8:6)
2. You can not work with clay or _____ on the Sabbath. (Sabb 7:2)

The religious elite thought that they were _____ to God and pleasing God when they followed these (and many other) laws.

Jesus was literally _____ on these two man made laws.

How do you think God feels about using man made rules in order to please Him?

In this account, Jesus was showing that he not only can give _____ to the physically blind but also the _____ blind, if they would **believe in him** and **come to him his way: by faith in what he said.**

When was the last time that God worked in the dirt with his hands?

Jesus was showing that just as God gave physical life to Adam, in the Garden, Jesus can give eternal life to the sons of Adam. Jesus was showing that only by his words and his works can any one be given eternal life!

*Jesus was showing that he was claiming to be **the Potter** (Rom 9:21, Job 10:9) and **the one** who makes the seeing see, the blind; blind and the hearing hear (Ex 4:11).*

*Jesus is also **the pool of life**...that we must cleanse ourselves in.*

A parallel of mistaken identity.

- 1) Who is this blind man? Is he really who he says he is?
- 2) Who is this Jesus man? Is he really who he says he is?

The confusion over the identity of the blind beggar parallels the confusion of the crowds over the identity of Jesus...The blind man kept saying 'I am the one [I am he]' the exact Greek phrase Jesus uses to identify himself later in the event.

If the on lookers correctly recognized/identified the blind man, their eyes would be able to see accurately the identity of the one who heals spiritual blindness.

Anyone who was unwilling to admit the identity of the blind man (preferring the honor of men)...would not be able to see the identity of Jesus and get the honor of God.

What's the purpose?

#1 We are all born as "total _____" separated from God...and we are all spiritually blind, unable to _____ the way to God. He must perform a miracle in us.

#2 We are _____ to save ourselves. Our man made laws, traditions and ideas about God and how to get to God, will never work. We can not please God in our own _____.

*#3 Jesus is God, our creator. Our only hope is in **hearing-believing-doing** what he says...and _____ **our total trust** _____ him.*