

# John pt20 - (9:1-41)

## Blinded Israel and the Son of God

1. John 9:1-7 – The blind will see
    - i. “In that day .. the blind will see “- Isa 29:14-18; 35:4-8
    - ii. The Lord opens the eyes - Psa 146:8
  - b. “Who did sin?” - Answer: Psalm 14:3 – There is none that doeth good
    - i. Good and bad happen to all - Mat 5:45; Ecc 9:11
    - ii. Circumstance not a result of God’s judgment - Luke 13:1-4
      1. “By chance” - Luke 10:30-31
      2. Fleecing is not a proper thing – Judges 6:36
    - iii. God accompanies his intervention with explanation
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2. John 9:8-23 – The interrogation
    - a. “it was the Sabbath” – the main excuse – 9:16
      - i. They disbelieve the miracle and called Jesus a sinner – 9:17
    - b. Parents proved he was indeed born blind – 9:18
    - c. The parents lie instead of mentioning Jesus, why? - 9:21
    - d. They feared to confess him - 9:22 → see also ‘chief rulers’ in 12:42-43
      - i. Confession is required – Mat 10:32-33; Luke 12:8-9; 1 John 4:19
      - ii. Paul addresses unbelieving non-confessing Jews - Rom 10:9
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3. John 9:24-34 – Pharisees cast out the healed man
    - a. “Give God the praise” – the irony of Pharisees saying this to a healed man
    - b. “will you be his disciples” – the man provokes them - 9:27
    - c. The man mocks their judgment – 9:30
    - d. “He can do nothing” - 9:33 → see 5:19; 5:30
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4. John 9:35-41 – Jesus identifies the blind guides of Israel
    - a. “Jesus heard ...and found him” – he takes in the outcast
    - b. “Thou hast seen him...” – Deity declaration and he accepts worship
      - i. Worship only God – Mat 4:10; Deut 6:13-14
    - c. The blind = those who do not have the Light → John 8:12; 9:5
      - i. The blind that see = those that have the Light
      - ii. The Pharisees → Isa 6:9; 29:10; 29:10
        1. Blind leading the blind - Mat 15:14; 23:16
        2. Paul condemns them also – Rom 2:17,19 → Rom 11:25
        3. Claim to see but doubt Jesus = sin – John 15:22; 16:9
          - a. An antichrist = 1 John 2:22
        4. Jesus can deliver them – John 8:36