



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
 John 9:1-12
 From Sermon 3.17.24

Read *John 9:1-12*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: As our study transitions from chapter 8 to chapter 9, our mock courtroom sees the return of submitted evidence (miracles) vs testimony only. The great account of Jesus healing the man born blind brings up many questions—some quite deep. Since the man's encounter with Jesus is similar to our salvation story, it is important and meaningful to explore those questions together.

1. How is Jesus' healing of the man born blind an illustration of our own salvation? The entire encounter was pre-planned by Jesus. Out of all the blind beggars, Jesus chose him. The man was born into his condition and situation. He could do nothing on his own to change his fate. Jesus did all the work. Once the man was washed, he could clearly see the real Jesus. The man gave testimony to the power of Christ.

2. What were/are your thoughts on Jesus' method of healing in this account? Various Personal Answers. Why did He use clay made with His own saliva? We have no idea. What are we to do with this unusual method? Just accept it and move on. It's not a formula for healings today.

3. From Sunday, Answer and Discuss the Truth and Causes of Suffering and Pain

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Biblical Example</u>	<u>Worldly Example</u>
There are no <u>Good People</u>	<i>Romans 3:10-12</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:22</i>	
We Live in a <u>Fallen/Cursed</u> World	<i>Genesis 3:16-19</i>	
My own Sin <u>Consequences</u>	David & Bathsheba	
The Sin of Others	Daniel	
The <u>Wrath</u> of God	<i>Isaiah 45:6-7</i>	
Attacks by the Enemy	Peter and the Apostles	
Loving <u>Discipline</u>	<i>2 Corinthians 12:7</i>	
For the Glory of God & His Reasons	<i>John 11:14-15 & 41-42</i> <i>Romans 9:17-18</i>	

4. Which one (or two or three) is the hardest for you to understand or accept? Various Personal Answers

4a. Why do you suppose that is? Various Personal Reasons

5. Do you think it's important to find the cause of the bigger, most impacting moments and seasons of pain and suffering? Are there things/times that you still don't understand their cause? [Shot story]

6. What is the sad and unbiblical issue with the prosperity/faith principle then and now? That people with anything less than "perfection" in their life and health are being cursed/punished by God. The person obviously has a faith/sin issue.