

The Man Born Blind who was Able to See Jesus

Jesus said: I am the Light of the World.

1. One day Jesus and His disciples were walking together and met a man who had been blind since birth. The disciples asked Jesus, Teacher, was this man born blind because of his own sin or the sin of his parents? Jesus answered that the man's blindness was *not* because of anyone's sins his own or his parents. Jesus explained that this man was blind so that God's power may be seen at work in him. God planned to do something special for this man and so allowed him to be born blind.

2. Jesus knew that God had sent Him into the world. He was given work to do for God among the people in Palestine where He lived for thirty-three years. This blind man needed to be healed and receive his sight from God. This was God's will for his life.

3. So Jesus went over to the blind man. He spat on the dusty ground and made some mud. Then he spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. Go wash in the Pool of Siloam Jesus instructed. The man obeyed and went to the Pool and washed his face. He came back to Jesus and was able to see for the first time in his life!



4. Immediately his neighbors began to talk about him. They were amazed at the change

in his life. He had changed so much that the people around him were not sure if he was the same person. They kept asking each other, Isn't this the blind beggar who used to sit and beg? Some of his neighbors agreed that he was that man. Others said, No it's not him but someone who looks like the man who used to sit and beg. But the man who had been healed told them, I am the man!



5. Then the neighbors asked him how he had been healed. He explained that a man named Jesus had made some mud, rubbed it on his eyes and told him to go wash in the Pool of Siloam. So I went and washed and now I can see, he exclaimed!

6. After that, some of the Jewish religious leaders kept asking him about Jesus. They were upset that Jesus had healed the man on a religious day of rest on which no one was allowed to do any work. Later that day, Jesus found the man He had healed and asked him, Do you believe in the Son of Man? He answered, Tell me who He is, and I will believe in Him. Jesus answered, You have already seen Him and He is the person who is talking with you now. I believe, the man said.



7. Many people did not understand who Jesus was. But a few days before he healed the blind man, He had explained, I am the Light of the World. No one who follows Me will walk in darkness but will have the light of life. The world is filled with darkness just like the man's life was dark with blindness. The religious leaders, who asked the healed man about Jesus, did not understand and believe that Jesus was from God. They were blind, not physically, but spiritually.

Questions: The Man Born Blind who was Able to See Jesus

- A. Who did Jesus and His disciples meet as they were walking together?
- B. What did the disciples ask Jesus when they saw the man who was born blind? What was Jesus answer to their question?
- C. What reason did Jesus say that the man had been born blind? What was God's plan for this man's life?
- D. Where does the Bible say Jesus came from?
How long did Jesus live in Palestine?
How was He going to have a part in God's plan for the blind man's life?
- E. What did Jesus do to prepare the man for healing?
What did he tell the man to do next?
What happened when the man obeyed Jesus instructions?
- F. What did the neighbors think and what did they say to each other? What did the blind man say to his neighbors?
- G. Besides the neighbors, who else asked the blind man to explain how he was healed? Did this group of people have faith in Jesus? Why were they upset with Jesus?



Something to Think About and English Conversation Practice:

- How would you feel if you had never been able to see, and then one day you were healed and could see for the first time?
- Jesus wanted the healed beggar to know who He was so He went to find him (See paragraph 6). What did He ask the man?
What did the man say to Jesus question?
What did the man learn about Jesus?
- When Jesus explained who He was, what did He say?
- The blind man's life was filled with blindness until he met Jesus and received his physical sight. His life was also filled with spiritual darkness until he met Jesus and received light into his heart and life.

John 8:12; 9:1-12, 35-41



**What does it mean to be in blind spiritually?
How is the world today filled with darkness?
How can people's lives filled with darkness?**

