

## Born Without Sight

John 9:1-41 (Series: Walking with Jesus)

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### VII. Physical blindness versus spiritual blindness (9:1 – 41))

#### A. Evidence of spiritual blindness (9:1-34)

1. Disciples see physical blindness as evidence of **sin**, but Jesus clarifies (v. 1-7)

a. Sin didn't cause this man's \_\_\_\_\_  
(v. 1-3a)

b. The ailment was for God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3b-5)

c. The blind man receives physical sight (v. 6-7)

1.) Jesus requires \_\_\_\_\_ from the  
blind man (v. 6-7a)

2.) The blind man \_\_\_\_\_ and received  
his physical sight (v. 7b)

2. The "blindness" of the people (v. 8-13)

a. Disbelief over who he was (v. 8-9)

b. Disbelief over how he could see (v. 10-12)

3. The "blindness" of the Pharisees (v. 13-21)

a. Disbelief of the healed blind man's testimony (v. 14-17)

b. Disbelief of the man's parents' testimony (v. 18-21)

4. The cause of the spiritual blindness (v. 22-34)

a. \_\_\_\_\_ disbelief (cf. v. 8-21)

b. False \_\_\_\_\_: the people feared  
expulsion from the synagogue (v. 22-23)

c. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: the  
Pharisees' saw themselves as above sin and usurped  
power over others (v. 24-34)

1.) Saw Jesus' act of healing as \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24)

2.) \_\_\_\_\_ the spiritual eyes of the  
healed blind man to Jesus' identity in contrast to  
their own (v. 25-34a)

3.) Cast the man with restored vision out of the  
synagogue (v. 34b)

#### B. Spiritual blindness exposed (9:35-41)

1. The formerly blind man \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (v. 35-  
39)

2. Jesus identifies the spiritual leaders' spiritual  
\_\_\_\_\_ (9:40-41)

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everyone is born lacking spiritual sight. Religious activity can make one oblivious to that blindness. We need Jesus to give us sight because we are “Born Without Sight.”

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1. Disciples see physical blindness as evidence of **sin**, but Jesus clarifies (v. 1-7)
    - a. Sin didn't cause this man's **blindness** (v. 1-3a)
    - b. The ailment was for God's **glory** (v. 3b-5)
    - c. The blind man receives physical sight (v. 6-7)
      - 1.) Jesus requires **obedience** from the blind man (v. 6-7a)
      - 2.) The blind man **obeyed** and received his physical sight (v. 7b)
  2. The “blindness” of the people (v. 8-13)
    - a. Disbelief over who he was (v. 8-9)
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    - a. Disbelief of the healed blind man's testimony (v. 14-17)
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  4. The cause of the spiritual blindness (v. 22-34)
    - a. **Willful** disbelief (cf. v. 8-21)
    - b. False **teaching**: the people feared expulsion from the synagogue (v. 22-23)
    - c. **Pride** and **power**: the Pharisees' saw themselves as above sin and usurped power over others (v. 24-34)
      - 1.) Saw Jesus' act of healing as **sin** (v. 24)
      - 2.) **Opened** the spiritual eyes of the healed blind man to Jesus' identity in contrast to their own (v. 25-34a)
      - 3.) Cast the man with restored vision out of the synagogue (v. 34b)
- #### B. Spiritual blindness exposed (9:35-41)
1. The formerly blind man **accepts** Jesus (v. 35-39)
  2. Jesus identifies the spiritual leaders' spiritual **failures** (9:40-41)

**Pastor's Note:** John gives his account of a man born blind receiving sight from Jesus in conjunction with many people who needed spiritual sight (John 9). That man was born without physical sight, in the same way