

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How was the blind man healed?
2. Why didn't the Pharisees accept the fact that Jesus healed this man?
3. Is it possible that Christians today might be as the Pharisees in events of today?
4. Who was really blind in this story?
5. What was the purpose of the miracle?

### SUMMARY:

Jesus did not heal the blind man when He spat upon the clay and applied it to the blind man's eyes. Rather, the healing did not come until the man went to the pool and washed as Jesus asked him to do.

What a commotion it caused among the Pharisees when they saw what had happened. They were unwilling to accept the fact that Jesus had healed this man and sought every legal means to persecute Him and anyone who would believe in Him. Through their spiritual blindness, their bigotry, arrogance and contempt for Jesus, they excommunicated the healed man from the synagogue, bringing persecution upon him.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #10

March 6, 2005

First Quarter

### THE GIVER OF SIGHT

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**LESSON TEXT:** John 9:1-38

**LESSON SETTING:** After leaving the temple, Jesus walked through the streets of Jerusalem.

**TIME:** Approximately 32 A.D.

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**I. PREPARATION FOR THE MIRACLE.** John 9:1-5

- A. Blindness. Mark 8:22, 10:46
- B. Christ the Light. John 1:4; 8:12

**II. PERFORMANCE OF THE MIRACLE.** John 9:6-7

- A. Aids to Faith. John 19:35; 20:31
- B. Blessings According to Faith. Matthew 8:13; 9:29
- C. Faith Honored. Mark 1:41; 10:52

**III. PROBLEMS OF THE MIRACLE.** John 9:8-34

- A. Testimony (vs. 9) Titus 2:15
- B. Legalism (vs. 16) John 5:10; Acts 15:5
- C. Divisions (vs. 16) Luke 12:51
- D. Spiritually Blind (vs. 18) Ephesians 4:18
- E. Bigotry (vs. 22) Mark 9:38
- F. Sanctimony (vs. 24) Matthew 6:5
- G. Arrogance (vs. 34) Isaiah 13:11
- H. Contempt (vs. 34) Matthew 13:55-56
- I. Persecution (vs. 34) Acts 8:1

**IV. PURPOSE OF THE MIRACLE.** John 9:35-38

- A. Receptive to Christ. Matthew 13:23; 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- B. Hunger and Thirst. Matthew 5:6
- C. To Increase Faith. Luke 17:5; James 2:17; 1 John 5:4
- D. Saving Faith. John 3:15; 5:24

**GOLDEN TEXT: ONE THING I KNOW, THAT, WHEREAS I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE.**  
John 9:25

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** John 10:1-30

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 23:1-6; 27:1-14;  
Isaiah 40:1-11

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ, the Son of God

**TOPIC:** THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**INTRODUCTION:**

A good shepherd cares for his sheep lovingly, carefully and leads only to places that are for their own good. In like manner, our Good Shepherd leads us if we leave the choice to Him. How often we wish to go elsewhere than where He leads. We plead and pray that He will grant our desire. Often times, He does, and we see afterward, it would have been better to have chosen His way. The Good Shepherd, in His loving care, nurtures His sheep when they are ill, and at times even restrains them when they are intent on going their own way.

If we always leave the choice up to Him, He does lead us in the best way for us. We must believe Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."

How do we know this? Because, our Good Shepherd says that He is the door, He goes before His sheep, He protects them from thieves and robbers. He saves them, He gives them life more abundantly and He lays down His life for His sheep.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Because Christ is a good shepherd, He is concerned about the safety, welfare, and comfort of His flock.

**GOLDEN TEXT: I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD; THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.** John 10:11

After many generations of separation from God, of knowing good and evil and having freedom of choice, mankind had strayed far from God and the knowledge of His will. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way," mourned Isaiah (53:6). How needful it was that a shepherd should come, first to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" and then also all who would be included in His fold. "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." (John 10:16)

To those who would belong to Jesus, He is All in All. He is the Good Shepherd, He is the Door into the fold, and He is the Lamb who purchased them with His own life. As the psalmist wrote, "So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks forever; we will shew forth thy praise to all generations." (Psalm 79:13)

May it be said of us all, "For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." (1 Peter 2:25)

Mankind, far and near give heed to  
This good Shepherd's loving call;  
To His pasture let Him lead you,  
Feel His tender care for all;  
Let Him take away your sadness,  
Gifts of grace He will impart  
He will give eternal gladness --  
Blest who giveth Him his heart!

Z.H. 15:3

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 7 - 13**

- M. Christ - The Feeding Shepherd. Psalm 23:1-6
- T. Christ - The Concerned Shepherd. Isaiah 40:8-11
- W. \*Christ - The Good Shepherd. John 10:1-11
- T. \*Christ - The Sacrificial Shepherd. John 10:12-18
- F. \*Christ - The Divine Shepherd. John 10:19-30
- S. Christ - The Hated Shepherd. John 10:31-42
- S. Christ - The Praying Shepherd. John 17:9-19