

Inquirer's Studies
Lesson 4
John 9: Jesus Encounters a Blind Man

Historical Background

Reading

The student should read Ezekiel 18 and answer the following questions:

1. To whom do all souls belong?
2. Will evil fathers necessarily have evil sons?
3. Which soul will (spiritually) die?
4. Does God desire to separate anyone from himself?

Comment

God started all things in creation. Everything was established for his purposes. When humans sinned, they brought evil, sickness and death onto themselves, into the world and throughout the universe. God can, but has chosen not to, fix all that is broken. Instead, he has given each one of us a choice. Each of us is responsible for our own actions and response to God. On the one hand, we bring evil upon ourselves. On the other, we can choose to open our lives to healing from God.

Jesus' Conversation with a Blind Man

Reading

The student should read John 9 and answer the following questions:

5. Was the personal sin of this man or his parents directly responsible for his blindness?
6. What did Jesus claim to be?
7. How did the man respond to Jesus' instruction?
8. How did the man respond to questions about the change in him?
9. Why did the parents distance themselves from their son?
10. Who ends up teaching whom?
11. When Jesus "found" the excommunicated man and directly asked if he believed, what did the man answer?

12. How did he physically respond to Jesus?

13. To what were the Pharisees blind?

Opinion Questions:

What did the blind man really want?

Have you ever been spiritually blind?

What might be the social consequences for your coming to believe in Jesus?

What rewards might there be for your following Jesus?

Key Verse: John 9:25

"Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

Is there any reason why you should not accept Jesus now?

Summary

In these few lessons we've seen just a few of the claims Jesus made: that he is water that will forever quench spiritual thirst, spiritual bread, truth, the light of the world, the I AM, the messiah, and the Son of man as well as the Son of God. The claims are credible, and they require one step in faith to accept them for oneself.

We hope that you will take that step and enter into new birth, looking to the Lord who was lifted up on a pole, a Lord who died for you and your sins, the one who can and does forgive us all our sins, known and unknown.

There are social consequences as a result of our decisions. There are eternal consequences as well. Make the best choice of your life. Follow Y'shua today. Your eternal destiny is tied up with this man...who do you think Jesus is? If you say, "You are my Lord" to him, then you will be born again. Start over today. Shalom.