

JOHN 9 (Common English Bible+)

¹ As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. ² Jesus' disciples asked,
"Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"

³ Jesus answered,

"Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. ⁴ While it is daytime, we must do the works of the one who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. ⁷ Jesus said to him,

"Go, wash in the pool of Siloam"

(this word means sent). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

⁸ The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said,

"Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?"

⁹ Some said,

"It is,"

and others said,

"No, it is someone who looks like him."

But the man said,

"Yes, it is I!"

¹⁰ So they asked him,

"Then how were your eyes opened?"

¹¹ He answered,

"The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I could see."

¹² They asked,

"Where is this man?"

He replied,

"I do not know."

¹³ Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

The man told them,

"He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some Pharisees said,

"This man is not from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law."

Others said,

"How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?"

So they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man,

"What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

He replied,

"He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jewish leaders did not believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents ¹⁹ and asked them,

"Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

²⁰ His parents answered,

“We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. ²¹ But we do not know how he now sees, and we do not know who opened his eyes. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.”

²² *His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue. ²³ That is why his parents said,*

“He is old enough. Ask him.”

²⁴ *Therefore, they called a second time for the man who had been born blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know this man is a sinner.”*

²⁵ *The man answered,*

“I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

²⁶ *They questioned him:*

“What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

²⁷ *He replied,*

“I already told you, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?”

²⁸ *They insulted him:*

“You are his disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this man is from.”

³⁰ *The man answered,*

“This is incredible! You do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes.

³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. God listens to anyone who is devout and does God’s will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man was not from God, he could do nothing.”

³⁴ *They responded,*

“You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?”

Then they expelled him.

³⁵ *Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said,*

“Do you believe in the Son of Humankind?”

³⁶ *He answered,*

“Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.”

³⁷ *Jesus said,*

“You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

³⁸ *The man said,*

“Lord, I believe.”

And he worshipped Jesus.

³⁹ *Jesus said,*

“I have come into the world to exercise judgment so that those who do not see can see and those who see will become blind.”

⁴⁰ *Some Pharisees who were with him heard what he said and asked,*

“Surely we are not blind, are we?”

⁴¹ *Jesus said to them,*

“If you were blind, you would not have any sin, but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.