

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 29--John 9

Introduction: This chapter continues the development of the animosity of the Jerusalem authorities toward Jesus. John in continuing the theme of his book adds yet another sign to the point to Jesus as the Christ. The healing of the blind man point to Jesus' claim, "I am the light of the world".

Lesson aim: To show how the blind man came to believe in Jesus.

Jesus heals a blind man--John 9:1-12

1. Describe the condition of the man Jesus healed.
2. What misconception did the disciples have about his sickness? How did Jesus answer it?
3. What did Jesus say was urgent? What claim did He make about Himself?
4. Was this a conditional or unconditional healing? Did the blind man show faith? Did he know who Jesus was?
5. How did the multitudes react to the healing?

The blind man is brought to the Pharisees--John 9:13-23

1. Describe the mixed conclusions of the Pharisees. Which view dominated their discussion?
2. What did the blind man believe about Jesus since his eyes had been opened?
3. How did the Pharisees indicate their tendency to reject what they did not want to believe? What did the parents testify about the blind man?
4. What fears did the parents have?

The Pharisees examine the blind man again--John 9:24-34

1. What did the Pharisees try to get the blind man to say about Jesus? How did he respond?

2. How did the blind man answer the objection of the Pharisees that they did not know where Jesus was from (i.e. from God or Satan)?
3. How did the Pharisees respond to the blind man's argument? Was it a valid one? Why didn't they answer it?

Jesus reveals Himself to the blind man--John 9:35-41

1. How did Jesus lead the blind man to faith in Him? By what term did Jesus describe Himself?
2. What did Jesus do that indicated that He was God?
3. For what purpose did Jesus say He had come?
4. In what way were the Pharisees "blind"? What was the spiritual result?