

ONCE I WAS BLIND BUT NOW I CAN SEE

Sermon Outline – Margaret Jacobs

Scripture Reading John 9:1-41

Review Story:)	
Jesus – Passing By with)	Discussion – Jesus and Disciples John 9:1-5
Disciples – Inquisitive about a)	Did this man sin or his parents?
Man Born Blind – From Birth)	

Not an unusual question to ask as in Jesus day belief included:

1. Jews saw suffering connected to sin
2. In this case it could have been pre-natal sin (sin at the formation of the embryo)
3. Jews also believed in the pre existence of the soul prior to creation
4. The sin of the parents and it's consequences are inherited by the children

Jesus reply to their question:

Jesus does not buy into the connection between sin and suffering but rather it is an opportunity for:

1. The power of God to be revealed (2 Cor 4:17)
2. An opportunity to do the work of God NOW to show that Jesus is the Light of the World

After Jesus deals with their question he ACTS: John 9:6-12

Makes clay out of spittle and puts it on the Blind Man's eyes with the command to go wash in the Pool of Saloam (sent) This pool was formed by carving a tunnel through the hills into the City to provide water in times of war and city captive. The man obeys and receives his sight.

Enter now into the story His neighbours and those who knew him:

They were amazed, some not sure that it was he so asked him HOW AND WHO had healed him.....They wanted to find out who did it and how they too could find Him.

Enter into the story the Pharisees: John 9:13-16

He is taken to the Pharisees and they question him...who is he how did he do it etc.
The man replied He is a man called Jesus and told them what he did.
All that Jesus did in this story occurred on the Sabbath.....this infuriates the Pharisees Why?

Enter into the story the Parents: John 9:17-35

His parents are questioned – fear prohibits them from giving a full answer – Ask him then say.

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Jesus and the Healed Man encounter John 9:35-41

The reason for the miracle – TO BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD.