

Read John 10:1-10

1. Discuss how Jesus is the Door.
2. Below, list all that Jesus does as the Door.

Read John 10:11-21

3. Discuss how Jesus is the Good Shepherd
4. Below, list all that Jesus does as the Good Shepherd.

Read John 10:22-31

5. What is the question from the leadership and how does Jesus answer?
6. Below, list all that Jesus does for the sheep.

Jesus as the Door, and the Good Shepherd

7. Discuss how John's story of the blind man illustrates what Jesus is saying in chapter ten. Of which actions or gifts of Jesus did the blind man partake? In light of excommunication (vv. 22 & 34), which promise speaks to the permanency of God's love and life?

Footnotes

[1] Osvaldo Vena, Professor Emeritus of New Testament Interpretation / Profesor de Nuevo Testamento, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., USA, <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/fourth-sunday-in-lent/commentary-on-john-91-41-5>



a study of The Gospel According to John

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Lesson 11

John 8:58-59; 9:1-41; 10:1-39

"I See," Said the Blind Man"

REVIEW: List attributes of Jesus from these events in John's Gospel

John's Overture: John 1:1-18 Jesus is God & Creator, was with God in the beginning.
God became human and tented with us.

John the Baptist:

The Wedding at Cana:

The Cleansing of the Temple:

Nicodemus:

The Samaritan Woman:

Feeding of the 5000:

Feast of Tabernacles:

Adultery debacle:

GREEK & VOCABULARY:

John 9:3 ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς οὔτε οὗτος ἥμαρτεν οὔτε οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ ἀλλ' ἵνα φανερωθῇ τὰ ἔργα τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ. Literal English: **Answered Jesus neither this sinned nor the parents of him but that should be displayed the works of God in him.** "A more accurate translation would be 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned. But in order that God's works might be revealed in him it is necessary for us to work the works of the one who sent me ...' This translation conclusively affirms that, at least in this case, there is no connection between sickness and sin (but see 5:14). Therefore, Jesus must do the work of God and heal the man."^[1]

BRIEF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT:

John's Gospel has more layers than a prize onion at the state fair! This week we'll peel back a couple layers to discern what John's author has to say about Jesus. We will spend a short while in the healing story of the blind man, but connect it with some of Jesus' most famous quotes in John, chapter 10.

Read from John's Gospel the passage from the insert: 8:58-10:6

1. Together, fill in the chiasm on the following page
2. Discuss the disciples' question in relation to the *Greek & Vocabulary* entry above and your translation of the New Testament, and how you interpret this passage concerning sin's relation to sickness.
3. Connect the "I Am" statement in this story and discuss why John is concerned with the theological relationship of light vs. darkness and belief vs. unbelief.
5. Discuss the humor/irony throughout the encounter of who is blind and to what is it attributed?
6. Discuss how John 10:1-6 are part of Jesus' response to the Pharisee's question in 9:40, and what is Jesus saying about them?

A John 9:1-5 (<i>Q about Blindness</i>)		The disciples re-enter the scene / Jesus answers and invites them into his work / Jesus shines his light upon his disciples
B John 9:6-7 (<i>Jesus & the Man</i>)		Jesus heals / unclean spit / no longer unclean for temple / sight depended upon obedient faith
	(Parallel Debate, first round) C1	(Parallel Debate, second round) C2
	John 9:8-12 (<i>Just the Facts</i>)	John 9:24-25 (<i>Just the Facts</i>)
	John 9:13-17 (<i>Division Spreads</i>)	John 9:26-27 (<i>Division Spreads</i>)
	John 9:18-21 (<i>A False Testimony</i>)	John 9:28-33 (<i>A True Testimony</i>)
	John 9:22 (<i>Expulsion Threatened</i>)	John 9:34 (<i>Expulsion Executed</i>)
B1 John 9:35-39 (<i>Jesus & the Man</i>)		Jesus seeks the man / leads man to salvation / Man "sees" Jesus and worships him as Lord
A1 John 9:40-41 (<i>Q About Blindness</i>)		Jesus condemns Pharisees for blindness / Jesus lets his opponents remain in darkness / Jesus intends to call them thieves and robbers