

LESSON 11 INSERT

Dramatic Reading John 8:58-59; 9:1-41; 10:1-6

Characters: Jesus, Blind man, Narrator, 3 Pharisees, Parents, Disciples, 3 Neighbors

JESUS: ^{8:58} “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

NARRATOR: ⁵⁹ Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by. ^{9:1} Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him,

DISCIPLES: “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

JESUS: ³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned. In order that the works of God should be revealed in him⁴ it is necessary I work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day. The night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

NARRATOR: ⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷ And He said to the man,

JESUS: “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”

NARRATOR: (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. ⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said,

NEIGHBOR 1: “Is not this he who sat and begged?”

NEIGHBOR 2: ⁹ “This is he.”

NEIGHBOR 3: “He is like him.”

BLIND MAN: “I am he.”

NEIGHBOR 1: ¹⁰ “How were your eyes opened?”

BLIND MAN: ¹¹ “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”

NEIGHBOR 2: ¹² “Where is He?”

BLIND MAN: “I do not know.”

NARRATOR: ¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight.

BLIND MAN: “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

PHARISEE 1: “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep Sabbath.

PHARISEE 2: “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?”

NARRATOR: And there was a division among them.

PHARISEE 3: ¹⁷ “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?”

BLIND MAN: “He is a prophet.”

NARRATOR: ¹⁸ But the Jews did not believe concerning the man, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ¹⁹ And they asked them, saying,

PHARISEE 1: “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

PARENTS: ²⁰ “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.”

NARRATOR: ²² His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him,

PHARISEE 2: “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.”

BLIND MAN: ²⁵ “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”

PHARISEE 3: ²⁶ “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

BLIND MAN: ²⁷ “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”

NARRATOR: ²⁸ Then they reviled him and said,

PHARISEE 1: “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.”

BLIND MAN: ³⁰ “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! ³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

PHARISEE 2: ³⁴ “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?”

NARRATOR: And they cast him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him,

JESUS: “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

BLIND MAN: ³⁶ “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

JESUS: ³⁷ “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.”

BLIND MAN: ³⁸ “Lord, I believe!”

NARRATOR: And he worshiped Jesus.

JESUS: ³⁹ “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

NARRATOR: ⁴⁰ Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him,

PHARISEE 3: “Are we blind also?”

JESUS: ⁴¹ “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains. ^{10:1} “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.