

I. The Miracle (Verses 1-12)

1. Why is their pain and suffering?

- a) So that the glory of God could be seen in relieving the suffering
 - ◆ God is glorified in His grace. Like a diamond against a black background, God’s grace shines the brightest in its victory over sin and suffering.

2. Is sickness always a consequence of sin?

- a) No, no one responsible for this blindness. It is simply a part of living in a fallen world.
 - ◆ The rabbis believed that you could sin in your mothers womb
 - ◆ Others thought that the ancestral sins were responsible.

3. What does Jesus do about the suffering?

- a) He heals those who are afflicted, and cares for those who are hurting.

II. The Man (Verses 13-34)

1. Some said he was a sinner

- a) Because He worked on the Sabbath
- b) But no sinner could do the works of God

2. The man who was formerly blind said he was a prophet

- a) Prophets were those who did God’s work in the Old Testament like Elijah and Elisha.
- b) They didn’t believe him and tried to discredit him as a liar

3. His parents were afraid to say who He was

- a) They are like many people today who just want to pretend like this isn’t happening, that Jesus never did and said these things.
- b) They also place the question onto other people, but we all have to answer the question “who is Jesus?”
- c) Even if they did believe they wouldn’t answer because they were afraid of the consequences.
 - ✎ *Matthew 10:32-33 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."*

4. The facts speak for themselves—He is the Lord!

- a) I was blind but now I see.
- b) The Phari-sees couldn’t see. They were focusing on the wrong thing, blaming people of sin when there was a real miracle and act of mercy in front of them.
- c) If He wasn’t from God He couldn’t do this
- d) God uses the base things to confound the wise

III. The Moral of the Story (Verses 35-41)

1. Jesus can open the eyes of the spiritually blind

2. Jesus will judge those who think that they can see

- a) It is because they will not come to the place of humility and recognize that they are sinners, poor, wretched, miserable, blind, and naked spiritually.
 - ◆ Their sin remains.