

THEME 1: What do we “see”?

Scripture

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (shorter version)

The man born blind

Narrator A reading from holy Gospel according to Saint John.

As [Jesus] passed by he saw a man blind from birth.
[...]

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes,
and said to him,

Jesus “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam”

Narrator (which means Sent).
So he went and washed, and came back able to see.
His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier
as a beggar said,

People “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?”

Narrator Some said,

People “It is,”

Narrator but others said,

People “No, he just looks like him.”

Narrator He said,

Blind man “I am.”

- Narrator* [...] They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them,
- Blind man* “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”
- Narrator* So some of the Pharisees said,
- Pharisees* “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.”
- Narrator* [But] others said,
- Pharisees* “How can a sinful man do such signs?”
- Narrator* And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again,
- Pharisees* “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?”
- Narrator* He said,
- Blind man* “He is a prophet.”
- Narrator* [...] They answered and said to him,
- Pharisees* “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?”

- Narrator* Then they threw him out.
When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said,
- Jesus* “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
- Narrator* He answered and said,
- Blind man* “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”
- Narrator* Jesus said to him,
- Jesus* “You have seen him
and the one speaking with you is he.”
- Narrator* He said,
- Blind man* “I do believe, Lord,”
- Narrator* and he worshiped him.
The Gospel of the Lord.
- All** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**