

BIBLE STUDY on JOHN (NIV) Part 14 (a)

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



John 8 v 12

The Validity of Jesus' Testimony

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

John 9 v 1 - 9, 13 - 25, 33 - 38

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

1 As He went along, He saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 Having said this, He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva

and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," He told him, "wash in the pool of Siloam (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed and came home seeing.

8 His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed and now I see."

16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided.

17 Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." 18 The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. 19 "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it

that now he can see?"

20 "We know this is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. 21 But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. 23 That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." 24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

33 "If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Spiritual Blindness

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out and when He found him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 "Who is He, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in Him." 37 Jesus said, "You have now seen Him; in fact, He is the one speaking with you."

38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped Him.

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Who said it?

1. Who said, "Night is coming, when no one can work"? _____ v 4
2. Who said, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" _____ v 8
3. Who said, "This man is not from God"? _____ v 16
[The Pharisees were a Jewish religious sect. They were strict in obeying the laws of Moses and traditions.]
4. Who said, "Ask him. He is of age." because they were afraid of the Jews? _____ v 21 - 23
[It was a serious matter to be put out of the synagogue. The outcast would be treated like a leper. No one was allowed to eat with that person or do business with him.]
5. Who said, "If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." _____ v 33
6. Who said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" _____ v 35
7. Who said, "Lord, I believe."? _____ v 38