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John IX I----4I

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And Jesus saw , as He passed on his way , a man who had been blind from his birth.

Whereupn his disciples asked him :

"Master was this man guilty of sin , or was it his parents , t hat hw should have been born blind ?"(Who has sined this man or his parents that he should be born blind ?)

"Neither he nor his parents were guilty "Jesus answered : it was so that God's action might declare itself in him "( but the works of God were to be made manifest in him )

"While daylight lasts I must work in the service of him who sent me ;the night is coming when there is no working any more . As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world

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With that he spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle and spread the clay over the man's eyes .: and said to him "Away with thee and wash in the pool of Siloe( a word which means sent out)

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So he went and washed there and came back with his sight restored .

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And now the neighbours , and those who had been accustomed to see him begging , began to say : "Is not this the man who used to sit here and beg?

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Some said "This is the man " and others said "No , but he lðoks like him ( he only resembles him )

But he told them "Yes , I am the man "

"How is it then ?" they asked that your eyes have been opened ? "  
He answered "A man , called Jesus ,made clay and anointed my eyes  
with it , and said me "Away with thee to the pool of Siloe and  
wash there  $\frac{1}{2}$  So I went there and washed and recovered my sight .

"Where is he ? " they asked , and he replied "I cannot tell " .

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And they took him before the Pharisees - this man who had been blind .  
Now it was the Sabbath day , you must know ,when Jesus had made  
clay and opened his eyes .

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So the Pharisees in their turn asked him how he had recovered  
his sight. "Why" he said "he put clay on my eyes ; then I washed , and  
now I can see "

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Whereupon some of the Pharisees said "This man can be no  
messenger from God :he does not observe the Sabbath "

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Others said "How can a man work miracles like this and be  
a sinner ? " Thus there was a division ~~amongst them~~ of opinion  
amongst them .

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And now they questioned the blind man again and said "What do you  
say about this man who opened your eyes ? "But he said

"HE IS A PROPHET !"

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The Jews , therefore , did not believe of him that he had  
been born blind and had got ~~xxxxxx~~ his sight until they had sent for  
his parents

and questioned them saying ?:"Is this your sone , who you say was born blind ?How comews it then , that he he is now able to see ?"

His parents ansered them : "We can tell you that this is our son , and that he was blind when he was born ;we cannot tell hhow he is able to seenow % we have no means of knowing who opened his eyes for him . Ask the man himself he is of age : let him tell you his own story"

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It was fear of the Jews that made the parents of the man talk ib this way; for the Jews had by now come to an agreement that anyone who aknowledged Jesus as the Christ should becast out of the synag gogue ' forbidden the synagogue )That is why his paretns said "He is of age, ask him yourself "

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So once more they summoned the man who had been born blindand said to him :

"Give God the praise "m they said , this man to our know- ledge is a sinner "

"Sinner or not I cannot tell , one thing I do know--that whereas I was blind now I xan see."

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Then they asked him over again "What was it he did to you ? By what means did he open your ye eyes ?" And he answered them "I have told you already and you would not listento me.Why must you hear it all over again ? Would you too become his disciples?"

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Upon this they covered him with abyse ."Thou art his disciple we are discples of Moses .We know for certain that God spoke to Mosesbut as for this fellow we do not know where he is from

"Why" ~~xxxxxxx~~ answered the man , here is a matter for astonish-  
ment Here is a man ~~xxxx~~ that comes you cannot tell whence, and  
yet he has opened my eyes . And yet we know for certain that God  
does not answer theprayer s of sinners- it is only when a man is  
devout and does his will that his prayer is answered .That a man  
should open the ye eyes of a man born blind is something unheard  
of since the beginning of the world .No , if this man did not come fr  
from God he would have no powers at all "

"Wgat ", they ~~xxxxx~~ answered , " are we to have lessons  
from you , one altogether steeped in sin from you birth .

And they cast him out of their presence

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When Jesus heard that theyhad so cast him out he went to find  
him , and asked him "Dost thou believe in the Son of God ?"

"Tell me who he is , Lord , so that I can beleive in him /"

"He is one wh m you have seen : it is he who is speaking to  
you "Then he said "I do believe Lord " and fell down ~~andx~~ to  
worship him .

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"Theneuppon Jesus said "I have come into this world do  
so that a sentnence may fall upon it , that those who are blind  
should see , and those wh see should become blind."

Some of the Parisees heard this - such as were in his  
company ,and they asked him " Are we blind too ? "

"If you were blind " said <sup>e</sup>esus to them you would not be  
guilty . It is because you otest that "We can see clearly " that  
you cannot be rid of your guilt "

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