

JOHN PART IX
JOHN CHAPTER 9
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INTRODUCTION

- If you look at chapter 9 carefully, everyone in this chapter is blind.
- The only person in the whole chapter who can see is the guy who's been blind from birth.

I. DEALING WITH DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

- A divine appointment is one God sets for you in the everyday rush of life.
- John 9:1-3 MSG, "Walking down the street, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned: this man or his parents, causing him to be born blind?" Jesus said, "You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do."
- Jesus saw this man's life as a divine appointment.
- Jesus was driven by compassion and love for people so rather than judging the guy He blesses Him.
- The guy never asked to be healed!
- Jesus tells him to go and wash his eyes.
- Divine appointments take faith and a bit of boldness, can you embarrass yourself? Yes.
- Jesus barged right into his life and got away with it, how come?
 - He was Spirit led.
 - Because He cared!
 - Because Jesus offered what no one else did: Contact, hope, love, attention.

- Philippians 2:14 NLT, "In everything you do...Let your lives shine brightly before them.

II. WRONG THINKING MAKES FOR A ROUGH LIFE

- Jesus spent a lot of time correcting wrong thinking because it gets us into so much trouble.
- He did that in the Beatitudes - Matthew 5
- Here the real question is, why do bad things happen to good people?
- The shallow religious leaders had a quick response, he was "a sinner" - vs. 34.
- Vs. 5 - Jesus says we are not called to analyze, but to touch others with life.

III. A CHANCE TO REALLY SEE THE LIGHT

- Vs. 8-12 - Who is this guy?
- Vs. 13-17 - What happened to him?
- Vs. 18-23 - Parents fear of Pharisees drove them to abandon their son to them.
- Vs. 24-33 - He has nothing to lose with the Pharisees so he lays it on the line.
- Key in verses 35-41- "Jesus searched him out." Why?
- Vs. 11 - He said, "The man called Jesus healed me."
- Vs. 17 - "What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?" And he said, "He is a prophet."
- Vs. 36-38 - He sees the light.

CLOSE

- He worshiped Him, not in church but in his heart. He surrendered to Jesus.