

# John 9

## *Faith, Fear or Rejection*

### Introduction

John 8:54-59

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- ✓ Encounter with Pharisees
- Jesus' claim to the name of God ("I AM")
- Jesus interacts with a blind man to show His divinity
- John records the story like a Greek play

### Scene 1

John 9:1-7

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- ✓ Jesus, Disciples and Blind man
- Problem of sin and sin's corruption
- ★ Jesus' claim to the **attributes of God** – *"I am the Light of the World"*
- Jesus, the Light, is the solution to man's darkness (blindness – sin)
- ★ Jesus' claim to the **works of God** (creation) – *"seeing"*
- Man's understanding – none

### Scene 2

John 9:8-12

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- ✓ Man, Neighbors and Others
- Confusion over the work of God
- Questions – *"how"* (10); *"where"* (12)
- Man's understanding – *"man they call Jesus"*

### Scene 3

John 9:13-17

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- ✓ Man, Pharisees and other Pharisees
- Question – how (15)
- Problem of when – Sabbath (14)
- ★ Jesus' claim to the **rights of God** – *"he does not keep the Sabbath"* (16)
- Man's understanding – *"he is a prophet"* (17)

## Scene 4

John 9:18-23

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- ✓ Man, Pharisees and Parents
- Question – “How” (19)
- Problem of fear – “*they feared the Jews...put out of the synagogue*” (22)

## Scene 5

John 9:24-34

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- ✓ Pharisees, Man and Parents
- Problem of knowledge or what they think they know (24, 29)
- Questions – “what” and “how” (26)
- Man’s understanding – “*godly person*” (31)
- Man’s understanding – “*from God*” (33)

## Scene 6

John 9:35-38

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- ✓ Jesus, Man and Disciples
- ★ Jesus’ claim to the **throne of God** – “*Son of Man*” (35); cp. Daniel 7:13-14
- Question – “*Who is he?*” (36)
- ★ Jesus’ claim to the **worship of God** – “*he worshipped him*” (38)
- Man’s understanding – “*Lord, I believe*” (38)

## Scene 7

John 9:39-41

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- ✓ Jesus, Pharisees and Disciples
- ★ Jesus’ claim to the **works of God** – “*For judgment... guilty of sins*” (39, 41)
- Question – “*Are we blind too?*” (40)

## Conclusion

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- Questions all focused on “how” or “where” or “what” = the real focus is on “who”
- Jesus claims the name of God, the attributes of God, the works of God (creation), the rights of God, the worship of God and the position of God because He is God
- One of three responses to Jesus = Man – faith; Parents – fear; Pharisees – rejection
- How will you respond to Him – faith, fear or rejection?