

John 9:1-12

He Obeyed Christ Blindly

The phrase “As He passed by” is vital.

I. The Condition vs 1

Jesus was very busy and saw...a man was blind from birth....

This blind man is a picture for those who are lost, without Christ and without hope.

Whom will you “pass by” today?

II. The Question vs 2

Who sinned?

Sin in the womb or sin in the parents?

The False Dilemma – The Either/Or Fallacy

The disciples saw this man as a _____, a theological _____. The pharisees saw him only as a _____.

III. The Answers vs 3-7

Jesus answers the disciples with one word: NEITHER, answering the false dilemma.

JC RYLE – sentences in the book of God’s providence are sometimes long....

Why was he born blind? For Jesus to heal him that day.

Would God permit....

We _____ Work. Do we see others as _____?

Do we love them enough to help or only to give lectures?

The night is coming when we will not be able to work.

IV. The Responses vs 7-12

Jesus required this blind man to do something, to act on the faith and hope that He had given the blind man.

The man’s faith, his view of Jesus will grow as he gains more understanding. In vs 11, he calls him “the man Jesus.” In vs 17, he calls him a prophet. In vs 33, he says Jesus is of God and in vs 38, he calls Him, LORD.

This man who was blind, blindly obeyed Christ. Will you as well today?

Whom will you “pass by” today? The disciples stumbled upon this man and commented “how did he get in the way?” Jesus, ever faithful, ever serving, answered “what can we do for him?”