

Script – The Man Born Blind is Healed

[Opening scene is Jesus with the disciples, walking along the streets of the city. There is the blind man, sitting by the side of the street, begging for alms.]

Narrator: As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.

Disciple 1: Teacher, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?

Jesus: Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.

[They stop and Jesus lovingly looks at the blind man. He then puts his hand on the blind man and stoops down. The blind man takes Jesus' hand.]

Jesus: As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Narrator: Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.

Jesus: [helping the blind man up] Go wash in the Pool of Siloam.

[The blind man makes his way offstage, feeling for the walls and other objects to guide him. Jesus and the disciples also leave the stage, leaving the stage empty.]

Narrator: So the man went and washed.

Man: [Offstage voice of great excitement, loudly.] I can see! I can see! I can see!

[Neighbors come walking casually on stage, making small talk. The healed blind man comes up to them with excitement.]

Man: [great excitement] I can see! Look at me! I can see!

Neighbor 1: Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?

Neighbor 2: No, he only looks like him.

Man: [great excitement] I am the man.

Neighbor 3: How then were your eyes opened?

Man: [still excited] The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.

Neighbor 1: Where is this man?

Man: I don't know.

Neighbor 2: Come with us to the temple leaders.

[Everyone leave the stage and after a short pause, the Pharisees come in and sit at a table on stage.]

Narrator: They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath.

[The neighbors bring in the man. The man is still every excited about being able to see]

Pharisee 1: How did you receive your sight?

Man: He put mud on my eyes and I washed, and now I see.

Pharisee 2: This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.

Pharisee 3: How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?

Pharisee 1: [speaking to the man] What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.

Man: He is a prophet.

Narrator: The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents.

Pharisee 2: [speaking with authority to one of the neighbors] Bring in this man's parents!

[The neighbor goes offstage and returns with the man's parents]

Pharisee 2: Is this your son?

Mother: Yes, this is our son.

Pharisee 3: Is this the one you say was born blind?

Father: From birth, the child was blind.

Pharisee 1: How is it that now he can see?"

Father: We know he is our son and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know.

Mother: Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.

Narrator: 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. That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

Pharisee 1: Give glory to God! We know this man is a sinner.

Man: Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!

Pharisee 2: What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?

Man: I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?

Pharisee 2: [angry] You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!

Pharisee 1: [loudly] We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from.

Man: Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.

Pharisee 1: You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!

Pharisee 2: [mad] Go, get out!

[The man and his parents with the neighbors leaves the stage]

Narrator: And they threw him out. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him.

[the Pharisee's leave the stage, then the man comes back, walking slowly, looking at everything very carefully. Jesus and the disciples come from opposite way and stop at center stage]

Jesus: Do you believe in the Son of Man?

Man: Who is he, sir? Tell me so that I may believe in him.

Jesus: You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.

Man: [kneeling down before Jesus] Lord, I believe.

Jesus: For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.

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