

Jesus the Healer

Awaiting Further Light

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Scripture: John 9:1-11

AUTHOR

The author is John, a fisherman, who along with his brother, James, became disciples of Jesus and were part of the original 12. He, James, and Peter made up an inner circle who were closest to Jesus. John wrote his gospel around AD 85-90 to prove that Jesus is the Son of God and that all who believe in him will have eternal life. John also wrote 1, 2, and 3 John, and Revelation.

CONTEXT

Jesus continues his ministry, having recently proclaimed himself as the light of the world. The most theological of the 4 gospels, John writes of some of Jesus' teachings that are not found in the other gospels, such as our scripture passage today which takes place as Jesus went along in the city of Jerusalem.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did Isaiah predict would happen in messianic times in Isaiah 42:7?
2. Read John 9:1-11. What stands out to you in this passage?
3. The disciples asked Jesus a question about the man's blindness. What was it and how did Jesus answer them?
4. Read John 9:3b again. Does Jesus' answer challenge you?

5. God does not inflict us with life-threatening illnesses and accidents. But in all situations, God is able to work for good. Read Romans 8:28 and discuss.
6. Some scripture verses or passages in the Bible can be hard to understand. Can you think of some biblical questions, issues, events, or verses that leave you in the dark? Some things are a mystery. It's okay to wrestle with the mystery and ask God the hard questions.
7. In John 9:5 what does Jesus proclaim that he is?
8. How did Jesus heal the blind man?
9. What instructions did Jesus give to the man and where did the man go?
10. Why do you think the man's neighbors and others who had seen him wondered if he could really be the same man?
11. The man not only received healing of his blindness and got his physical sight but he also received spiritual vision. (Read the rest of John 9 if time allows.)

ENCOURAGEMENT

God is light and life and even the darkness is not dark to Him.

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