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SIGN #6

Blind will see!

John 9

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“Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert” Isaiah 35:5,6

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“Miracle, through the biblical tradition, is not what we don't understand but what is done for us that we can't do ourselves. The word does not mean that which is beyond our comprehension but rather that which is beyond our ability.”

Eugene Peterson

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9:1 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

2 And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?”

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Misery of the Sightless 1,2

- John 8 - blasphemy = stoning!
- Blind from birth - begging
- Where were the 'caregivers'?
- Rabbi Ammi: "No death w/o sin and no suffering w/o iniquity."
- Sin - real or potential? Adamic Sin?

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“Original sin, therefore, appears to be a hereditary depravity and corruption of our nature; diffused through all the parts of the soul, rendering us obnoxious to the Divine!” John Calvin

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“My suffering is due to random original sin – your suffering is your sin and you deserve it!”

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9:3 Jesus answered, “It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

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4,5 We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.”

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6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,

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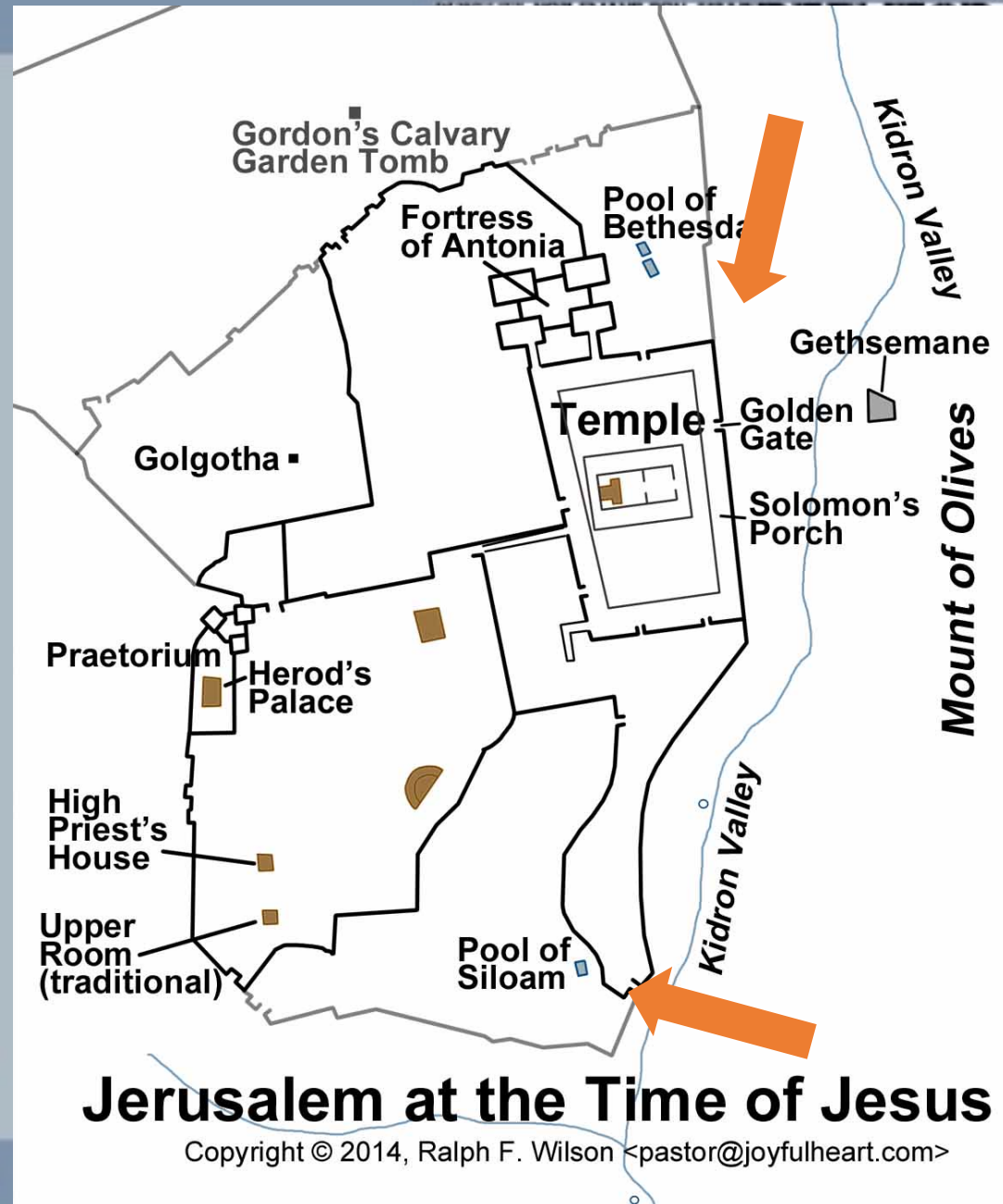
7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing.

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John 8 - Jesus goes to the Temple - confronted by the Pharisees - leaving hears the blind man.

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Miracle of the Savior 3-7

- ‘neither’ – not his nor his parents cause
- Messiah – lame will leap & blind will see
- Suffering inspires hopelessness
- Love inspires hope!
- Spit - dust – wash – trust!

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*“John 3:16 is not ‘love is blind’ –
PRIDE is blind – GREED is blind –
LUST is blind – not true love!”*

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9:8 Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?”

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10 So they were saying to him,
“How then were your eyes
opened?”

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11 He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.”

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12 They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

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Message of the Skeptics 8-12

- Community sees the change
- Disbelieve facts that contradict worldview
- Where is He? I went to Siloam!

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‘Blindness with sight is the worst kind of blindness!’

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9:18 The Jews then did not believe
it of him, that he had been blind
and had received sight, until they
called the parents of the very one
who had received his sight,

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9:24 So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner."

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25 He then answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

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Message of the Saved 13-25

- Seeing man is questioned – ‘how?’
- Sabbath violation
- Looking for a loophole – parents
- Second questioning – ‘answer us!’
- He is a ‘sinner’ – ‘this one thing...’

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*“Although my memory's fading,
I remember two things very clearly:
I am a great sinner and Christ is a
great Savior.”*

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“I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am.”

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NOBLEMANS SON BORN BLIND BETHESDA
BETHESDA POOL WALKING ON WATER
LAZARUS SIGNS

WATER TO WINE
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"When people are right with God, they are apt to be hard on themselves and easy on other people. But when they are not right with God, they are easy on themselves and hard on others."

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