

May 27th – 'Twas Blind But Now I See

*"He answered and said, 'Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.'" (John 9:25)*

The Gospel of John includes seven miracles that point to the full deity of Christ, while demonstrating that He alone is God's Messiah. One of those miracles is found in John 9 where Jesus healed a young man that was born blind. In ancient Jewish culture, the prevailing wisdom said that if some horrible tragedy happened to you, it must've been a result of your sin or perhaps that of your parents. That thinking was wrong 2,000 years ago and it's still wrong today.

The truth is that bad things happen to everyone simply because we live in a fallen world. Jesus helped His disciples understand that God permitted the young man to be born blind so that the Lord could be glorified through His life (John 9:3). Jesus commanded the young man to wash in the pool of Siloam, and when he did his eyes were miraculously opened by God. Being the devout Jews they were, the bystanders brought the gentleman to the Pharisees who could declare him healed.

The Pharisees began to question the young man, and when he mentioned the miracle-working power of Jesus, they denied the miracle and said that Jesus was a sinner. The former blind beggar simply responded, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." That's all that needed to be said. Even today, people will doubt and mock the Christ who saved you. Just let them know He's opened your eyes and now you can see that He's the Light of the World (John 8:12).