

**Pastor Jim Jackson, 1/18/26**  
***Days With Jesus, Day 29—Mud Optometry***  
**John 9:4-23**

**Jesus creates sight with SPIT and dirt**

Jesus had healed people with just a word or touch before, but here he uses his spit to make a mud salve and pushes it on and *into* his eyes (Gr. *epichrió*, ‘to smear’). This action of recreating his eyes with dirt and a divine touch parallels God breathing life into Adam after molding him from the dirt (Gen. 2:7). *The God who made the man can heal the man!* But instead of being healed instantly, he’s told to go to Siloam and bathe. This method would test the man’s faith and end up being a public witness at a public pool. The eye is one of the most complex and amazing body parts, as it relies on the *completed* construction *and* orchestration of all the parts to work, so there was no chance Jesus could fake this miracle. *God often allows impossible situations to display His incredible solutions!*

**Jesus creates hype with WALKING and bathing**

Because Siloam was ½ mile downhill from the Temple, as he shuffled to the largest public pool/mikvah in Jerusalem, a crowd followed him. This slow-developing miracle was done on purpose with a purpose. *Though it might not be in our time, God is always right on time!* While other types of healing may have been doubted as to their legitimacy (healing sickness, disease, casting out demons), giving sight to a man born blind was unheard of. Most people in the crowd who knew this man from begging were so awestruck, many refused to believe when they saw it with *their own eyes!* *Seeing is believing when your believing gives you sight* (Eph. 1:18-21)!

**Jesus creates decisions with MIRACLES and testimonies**

Though it wasn’t against the Torah to do a miracle, it violated the Pharisees’ legalistic rules to heal on the Sabbath (Ex. 20:8-11). But Jesus didn’t work like a doctor, he just spoke and it happened. So, instead of rejoicing God gave the man a new life, they attack the Healer. *No amount of evidence can penetrate hard hearts!* Like being baptized, the man returned to declare his life changed by Jesus. As his parents are questioned, they know anyone who confesses Jesus will be removed from the synagogue. So instead of standing up for their son, the first sight he has of his parents is their rejection of him and his Healer. But he stands up and stands out for the truth. *Go fully public with the God who fully changed your life!*