## Christians on Campus John Bible Study Summer 2021 John (7)

## John 9:1-13; 10:1-21

<sup>9:1</sup>And as He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And His disciples asked Him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind? <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, Neither has this man sinned nor his parents, but he was born so, that the works of God might be manifested in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. <sup>6</sup>When He had said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed his eyes with the clay, <sup>7</sup>and He said to him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is interpreted, Sent). He went therefore and washed and came away seeing. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors then and those who previously saw him as a beggar said, Is not this the one who used to sit and beg? <sup>9</sup>Some said, This is he. Others said, No, but he is like him. He said, I am the one. <sup>10</sup>They said then to him, How then were your eyes opened? <sup>11</sup>He answered, The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes, and said to me, Go to the pool of Siloam and wash. I went therefore and washed, and I received my sight. <sup>12</sup>And they said to him, Where is He? He said, I do not know. <sup>13</sup>They brought him who was once blind to the Pharisees.

<sup>10:1</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, He who does not enter through the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up from somewhere else, he is a thief and a robber; but he who enters through the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5But they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers. <sup>6</sup>This parable Jesus spoke to them, but they did not know what those things meant that He spoke to them. <sup>7</sup>Jesus therefore said to them again, Truly, truly, I say to you that I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and go out and shall find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly. "I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hireling and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hireling and it does not matter to him concerning the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good Shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me, <sup>15</sup>even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it away from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. This commandment I received from My Father. <sup>19</sup>A division again took place among the Jews because of these words. <sup>20</sup>And many of them said, He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him? <sup>21</sup>Others said, These are not the words of one who is demon-possessed. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Highlight a verse that you like, and share why you enjoyed it.
- 2. The podcast tells us that the clay mixed with the spittle to heal the blind man's eyes signifies the mingling of humanity with divinity. Use the following verses to understand the spiritual significance behind the blind man's being healed and how this can apply to us (hint: use the underlined key words in the verses below and see how they related to John 9:1-11):
  - a. **Rom. 9:21** Or does not the potter have authority over the <u>clay</u> to make out of the same lump one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?

- b. **Luke 4:18** "The <u>Spirit</u> of the Lord is upon Me, because He has <u>anointed</u> Me to announce the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away in release those who are oppressed,
- c. **John 6:63** It is the <u>Spirit</u> who gives <u>life</u>; the flesh profits nothing; the <u>words</u> which I have spoken to you are <u>spirit</u> and are <u>life</u>.
- d. **Eph. 5:26** That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the <u>washing</u> of the water in the <u>word</u>.
- 3. Now, please read the rest of John 9. Following the case of the blind man in chapter nine, in chapter ten the Lord continues His speaking by using a number of figures. How can these figures apply to the story of the blind man as well as in our Christian life?
  - a. Door (10:7)
  - b. Thieves and robbers (10:8, 10)
  - c. Pasture (10:9)
  - d. Sheep (10:11)
  - e. Shepherd (10:11)
  - f. Wolf (10:12)
  - g. Hireling (10:12-13)
  - h. Fold (10:16)
  - i. Flock (10:16)

## John 9:14-41

<sup>14</sup>Now it was the Sabbath, on which day Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Again therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. And he said to them, He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see. <sup>16</sup>Then some of the Pharisees said, This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath. But others said, How can a man who is a sinner do such signs? And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>Then they said to the blind man again, What do you say about Him, in that He opened your eyes? And he said, He is a prophet. <sup>18</sup>The Jews then did not believe concerning him that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>And asked them, saying, Is this your son, of whom you say that he was born blind? How then does he now see? <sup>20</sup>Then his parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age; he will speak for himself. <sup>22</sup>His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed Him to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Because of this his parents said, He is of age; question him. <sup>24</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>25</sup>Then he answered, Whether or not He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. <sup>26</sup>They said then to him, What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes? <sup>27</sup>He answered them, I told you already and you did not hear. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples? <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him and said, You are His disciple; but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from. <sup>30</sup>The man answered and said to them, Why here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes! <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not hear sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him. 32Since time began it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of one born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, He could do nothing. <sup>34</sup>They answered and said to him, You were wholly born in sins, and you are teaching us? And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and He found him and said, Do you believe into the Son of God? <sup>36</sup>He answered and said, And who is He, Lord, that I may believe into Him? <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, You have both seen Him, and He is the One speaking with you. <sup>38</sup>And he said, Lord, I believe; and he worshipped Him.

<sup>39</sup>And Jesus said, For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind. <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, We are not blind also, are we? <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, If you were blind, you would not have sin; but now *that* you say, We see; your sin remains.