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Why had the blind man been born blind? (John 9:3)

What does Jesus mean in John 9:5?

Why do you think Jesus healed the blind man using clay instead of just saying, "Be healed"?

What are they accusing Jesus of in John 9:16? Is doing good work?

That He didn't keep the Sabbath.

What did the blind man's parents fear from the Jews?

Being "put out of the synagogue." (John 9:22)

What was the big deal about that? Couldn't they just join another synagogue down the street or do without it altogether?

Life back then revolved around the synagogue, which was the center of social, religious and economic activity. There was one synagogue per town.

What is the blind man's demeanor toward the religious leaders?

He shows no fear or intimidation toward them or the possibility of being put out of the synagogue.

What are the lessons for us? Being a witness doesn't mean we have to have all of the answers, but rather simply telling people what Jesus did for us and what we do know about Him.

So why might Jesus have healed him using clay to be washed off?

To give him an 'action' story to tell instead of just.

In that sense, how is his testimony similar to ours today?

We also know who Jesus is and what He did for us, but have yet to see Him face to face.

True or false - ultimately, God is the one who allows disease or suffering to take place?

Then what are some of the different biblical examples of why God allows disease or suffering?

(John 9:3);

(1 Peter 3:14);

(John 5:14);

What is Jesus saying in John 9:39?

Does it hit a nerve with the Pharisees?

Yes, "Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?" (John 9:40)

Who are the "doorkeepers" (John 10:3)?

Leaders who are to guard and protect Jesus' followers on His behalf.

What is the context of this passage?

It's the continuation of Jesus' words to the Pharisees at the end of [John chapter 9](#). He is saying that their inability to understand or follow Him shows that they don't belong to God.

And what about the "life" to be had "more abundantly" in John 10:10?

Jesus is talking about eternal life in heaven, not a materialistically abundant life on earth, which can be had without Jesus.

What do the sheep do in the "pasture" (John 10:9)?

What are we supposed to feed on?

The "**Word**" (John 1:1) of God, our "**bread of life**" (John 6:48).

Jesus' sacrifice separates Him from the gods of what other religion?

What does a hireling care about?

His own self-interest.

Who were the hirelings of the day?

The leaders of Israel.

Should Jesus' words have rung a bell by now with the Pharisees, who knew the Old Testament?

Yes, (Ezekiel 34:1-10)

What does Jesus mean by "other sheep... which are not of this fold" who will also "hear My voice" (John 10:16)?

Gentiles who will believe in Him.

Who took Jesus' life on the cross - the Jews or the Romans?

(John 10:17-18)

What powers does Jesus have?

The power to lay down His life, and the power to "**take it again**" (John 10:18) through resurrection.

What is the "Feast of Dedication"?

The Feast of Dedication was a feast to celebrate the re-dedication of the temple of Jerusalem in 164 BC after the Jewish victory over the Syrian occupiers. In an effort to unify religion across its empire, the Syrian occupiers had built an altar to Zeus in the temple of Jerusalem three years earlier, enraging the Jews and triggering an eventually victorious armed revolt.

What is the present name of the Feast of Dedication, held in December?

Hanukkah.

Based on John 10:28, once you become Christian, who can "snatch" you away from Jesus?

Nobody, and for emphasis Jesus repeats His statement in John 10:29, referencing God the Father.

Then what about the people who give up Christianity and choose another religion or become atheist?

They were never really Christian - the sheep of Jesus - to begin with.

What about the "Christians" who say, "Since we can't be snatched away, let's do whatever we want?"

In John 10:4, Jesus said that His sheep "**follow**" Him. If they don't follow Him, they aren't His sheep either.