



Lesson 18: *Jesus and the Blind Man* (Condensed Version)

Objectives: To explain that:

- Jesus healed the blind to show that he was the Promised One that the prophets wrote about, the one who was sent by God to do the works of God
- The blind man in this story saw who Jesus really was, believed and worshipped him
- Jesus wants us to see "spiritually" -- to believe that he is the Promised One, the Forever King

"I Wonder" Questions:

In our picture today, what do you see? (Blind man beside the Pool of Siloam)

Is there anything you wonder about?

I wonder why Jesus is with this man at the pool.

I wonder what the man is doing.

Let's find out more in our story...

Lesson Summary:

In our poster today, we see a blind man washing some mud from his eyes. This man had been born blind. Jesus and his disciples met this man on the street and the disciples wondered why this man was born blind. The disciples asked, "Who sinned, the man or his parents that he was born blind?" But Jesus told them that the man wasn't blind because he or his parents had sinned. The man was blind so that Jesus could heal him, and the wonderful work and glory of God could be made known. Jesus said that God sent him to do God's work. So, Jesus put mud on the man's eyes and sent him to wash in the pool. The man was healed of his blindness! He could see again and later he worshipped Jesus. But many Pharisees were angry at this miracle. They were angry with the man and with Jesus. They could see things with their eyes, but they could not see God's love. They did not love Jesus or the good things that he did. They were spiritually blind.

Suggested Questions:

- **What does this story tell us about Jesus?** (He was sent to do God's work and was obedient to his Father, he had the power to heal, he is worthy of worship, he taught his disciples.)
- **What is Jesus doing in this story?** (Jesus is teaching spiritual truths to his disciples. He proclaimed that he was the one that the prophets wrote about. He was glorifying God, his Father, by fulfilling the prophesies. Jesus healed this blind man showing God's compassion, power and kindness. He is doing the works of God for all to see.)
- **What kind of blindness did the man have?** (He was physically and spiritually blind. He couldn't see with his eyes and he didn't understand who Jesus was until he was healed.)
- **What kind of blindness did some of the Pharisees have?** (Spiritual blindness, they did not believe and recognize that Jesus was the promised Messiah.)
- **How can Jesus heal people's spiritual blindness?** (People can ask Jesus anytime to be their light and "open the eyes of their heart" so they can understand who Jesus is.)

Bible Memory Verse:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12 --NIV)