

“THE SON OF GOD”

INTRODUCTION

Jesus usually referred to Himself as “the Son of man.” However, upon one occasion, after having demonstrated His power as the Son of God, he asked the question, “*Dost thou believe on the Son of God?*” In John 9, we have a most interesting story as the faith in a man who had been healed from his blindness, led to the conviction that Jesus was the Son of God. Now let’s follow the events.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, the HEALING OF THE BLINDNESS.

- A. There was an inquiry by the disciples. v. 1-5
- B. There were the instructions by Jesus. v. 6-7
- C. There was curiosity by the neighbors. v. 8

II, 2nd, the CONVICTIONS OF THE HEALED MAN.

- A. He knew His Healer as a “man that is called Jesus.”. v. 12
- B. He was later convinced that this man was “a prophet.”. v. 17
 - 1. He was taken by the neighbors TO the Pharisees, the most powerful Jewish sect.
 - a. They were convinced that Jesus was **not** with God, because He healed on the sabbath day, which in their eyes made Him a breaker of God’s law.
 - b. But some of the Pharisees did **not** believe He was a such a sinner, or else He could not do such miracles as healing a man of his blindness. v. 16
 - 2. At this point, the healed man says “the man called Jesus” was “a prophet.” v. 17

III. 3rd, the CONVICTION AS THE SON OF GOD.

- A. The unbelieving Jews continued their investigation.
 - 1. They began by talking with the man’s parent. v. 19-23 (Discuss as desired).
 - 2. They **then** approached the healed man.
 - a. They told him to give God the praise, which he ultimately DID.
 - b. They reviled him for not siding with **them**. (vs. 25-29)
 - c. He convicted the Pharisees with words of wisdom. vs. 30-33
 - 1) 1st, he rebuked them for their ignorance. v. 30
 - 2) 2nd, he stated a well-known truth that God would not have listened to Jesus if he were such a sinful man. v. 31
 - a) This verse is often quoted today to show that sinners out of Christ cannot expect to have their prayers answered.
 - b) Some reject this well documented Old Testament truth spoken by this man (though uninspired, he spoke correctly).
 - 3) 3rd, he pointed out that Jesus did something unheard of.
 - 4) 4th, he pointed out that if this man were **not** of God, he could do nothing. Cf John 3:1-2
 - d. At this point, they cast him out of the synagogue. v. 34
- B. Now, Jesus pays a second visit to the man was had been blind, but was now healed.

1. He revealed Himself to **be** “the Son of God.” vs. 35-37
2. Now, he knows that the man called Jesus, is not only a prophet, but is indeed “the Son of God.”

CONCLUSION

- I. Jesus addressed the unbelieving Jews who refused to believe He was the Son of God.
 - A. He pointed out that His coming into the world would cause some to believe, and others to remain blind. Vs. 39-40
 - B. These Pharisees remained in the sins of unbelief and would **not** see who Jesus really was. v. 39-41
- II. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?
 - A. This man in John 9 gave God the glory as he acknowledged who Jesus was.
 - B. This side of the cross, in the gospel age, such an acknowledgement qualifies a penitent believer to be baptized into Jesus for the enjoyment of salvation.
Acts 8:35-39