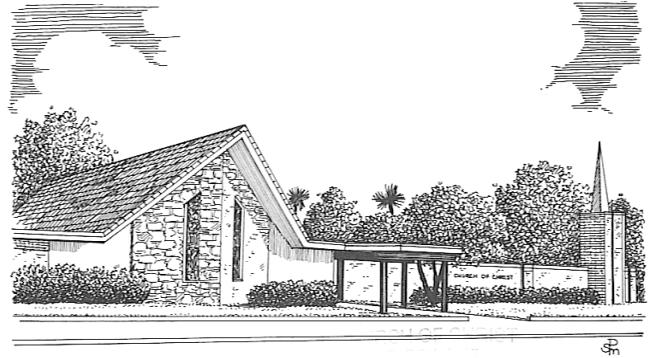


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Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

John 9:1-12

In the previous chapter, Jesus stated that He is the great I AM (John 8:58), the name God had told Moses that He was to be called by (Exodus 3:14). To the Jewish people, to make such a declaration was unthinkable! How dare He say that He was God! They were so angry at His statement about Himself that they began stoning Him for blasphemy (John 8:59). He also stated in the previous chapter, *“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).* He said this about Himself while in the temple courts (John 8:2), more than likely before the four giant candelabras symbolizing God as the One who had been their light leading them in the darkness during the wilderness wanderings. Notice that Jesus didn’t say I am a light, but I am *the* Light of the World. He claimed exclusively to be Israel’s Light. Now He set out to dispel the darkness of a man born blind to prove He is the Light of the world.

Put yourself in the shoes of the man born blind. He could hear the conversation between the Lord and His disciples but couldn’t see what was going on. More than likely, he heard Jesus collecting saliva in his mouth and spitting it on the ground. I would think the Lord told him He was about to put something on his eyes. Did he know of Jesus before the mud was placed on his eyes? I think not. He explained later on, *“The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see” (v. 11).*

Sometimes the Lord tests our obedience to His voice. He will offend your mind to reveal your heart. How would you feel about someone rubbing mud in your eyes? Do you think the man was offended as he stumbled along with dirt on his eyes, trying to find his way to the Pool of Siloam? I’m sure there were a few on the way that perhaps offered to give him water to wash off his face while he was going. It’s possible, also, that there were a few who laughed at his obedience to the Lord. Was someone leading him on the way? We do not know, but no matter what was on the way or who was leading him, he was determined to do just as Jesus said. He was well rewarded when he found his way down the steps to the pool of water (The Pool of Siloam is at the bottom of the hill of Zion). He washed and was instantly healed.

How determined are you to hear God’s Word and do His will? What if the man had washed his eyes before He got to Siloam? I don’t think he would have been healed, and we wouldn’t be reading about his obedience to the Lord. Can I encourage you today not to compromise your faith in Christ? Amid times of great spiritual darkness, hold on to Jesus and walk closely with him as we stumble towards Siloam. We might not see everything we would like to see, but obedience to Christ pays big dividends! The end of our faith is well worth listening to His Word.

-Keith Thomas, groupbiblestudy.com



We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ

*Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ*



We extend a friendly welcome to everyone!
It is a genuine joy to gather in the Lord's house
and share in the worship of the living and loving
God.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)”

Pray for our Church family:

Pray for Michelle as she continues treatment; for Jeff who is recovering from knee surgery and for Dail as she recovers from a recent back surgery. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati and Joyce Winings.

Pray for family & friends:

Please continue to pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores' brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy's husband Kevin, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail's friend Marie, Brenda's son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda's daughter Lynette.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers during this time. Phyllis Francis' extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins' family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn's sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

Military:

Jeff & Michelle Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy's family friends T. Burgess and Tony Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

God, I love You, but it's hard to love. It's hard to obey. Help me see the truth and to love You with my actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Daily Bread: Winn Collier; December 2020

Read: 1 John 5:1-7

News:

Individually wrapped communion supplies are available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service and/or during temporary closures.

Free hospital bed- Electric control. Happily, Lucy is no longer in need of this bed and it is available to anyone in need. Just give Roy a call at (760) 409-0700.

Scripture readings:

In Search of the Lord's Way

Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon.

John 9:1-11

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." "How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go the Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

Sermon topic:

“That the works of God might be displayed”

Birthdays:

Yolanda Britton:	5/3
Kathy Ferrell:	5/4
Stuart Huggins:	5/14

Wedding Anniversaries:

K & K Ferrell:	5/1
K & Y Britton:	5/28

Worship service:

Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.

Wear a mask or cloth face covering

Please bring your own bible

While we will be having in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue. If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:
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God bless us all and bless our families and loved ones too.

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