

Whose Fault Is It?

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JOHN 91-11 (NIV)

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. 8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." 10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. 11 He replied, "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."

40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

notes

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

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Going Deeper

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

People often ask why bad things happen to good people. How would you answer that question? Read John 9:1-11. How did Jesus answer that question in verse 3?

John has been recording some amazing miracles ("signs") in the first half of this book, and it is clear that Jesus has been sent by God. Who does Jesus say "must do the works of him who sent me" in verse 4?

Read verse 6 again. What is the pool called? What does it mean? What truth does Jesus want the disciples to open their eyes to (think back to verses 1-3)? How does the Pharisees question in verse 40 connect with the story?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

John 20:21 (NIV) - Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

TAKE A STEP:

What's one area in your life or in this world where you have been playing "the blame game?" What would it look like for you to see that Jesus has SENT YOU to bring healing there? Take a step!

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GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget:	\$10,187
Given March 26th:	\$5,768
Difference:	(\$4,419)
2023 Annual Budget:	\$529,724
2023 Budget YTD:	\$122,244
2023 Given YTD:	\$96,728
Difference:	(\$25,516)

BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC March 26th:	\$1,848
BYC YTD:	\$27,109
BYC Total Given:	\$349,602

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