

**Bible Verse:** “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.”

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With words and miracles, Jesus is declaring that He is the Messiah. Many people are excited, but some are still doubtful and afraid.

Our story today is about a man who experiences a miracle, then has to defend Jesus for healing him.

We begin as Jesus is walking along on the Sabbath day, teaching his disciples. They pass a man who has been blind his whole life. The Gospel of John says his disciples ask Jesus, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus tells them, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned.” Jesus tells them that the man was born blind so that Jesus would do God’s work of making him see. So Jesus mixes up some dirt with his own spit and makes mud. He puts the mud on the blind man’s eyes. Then he directs the blind man to go to the Pool of Siloam and wash the mud from his eyes. When the man washes the mud from his eyes, he isn’t blind any more. He can see!

The man’s neighbors aren’t sure he’s even the same man. How could a blind beggar become this seeing person? But he assures them that he is the same man. He shares his story- about Jesus and the spit and the mud and washing in Siloam. He says that Jesus must be from God.

Nearby, Pharisees are doubtful about who Jesus is. The Pharisees are old-fashioned Holy Men. They forbid doing

any work on the Sabbath. Jesus makes them nervous. And now they accuse Jesus of doing the work of healing on the Sabbath. They even punish the man Jesus has healed because he follows Jesus.

Jesus tells the Pharisees that even though they can see with their eyes, they are blind to the truth - the truth of Jesus the Son of God.

**Wonder Question:** I wonder how it would feel to have never seen anything in your life, and then be able to see everything. What are you most thankful for, that you can see?

