

# Marvel

## The Seven Miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of John

**About the Series:** Throughout His ministry, Jesus performed miracles to authenticate and validate His message of truth. This series will look at the seven miracles of Jesus recorded in the gospel of John to give us a unique perspective of God's power and might, because what we believe about God directly affects how we live out the Christian life.

### Part 6

## Seeing Clearly

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### DISCUSS

John 9:1-12 is the story of the miraculous healing of the blind man. After a transformative work in the blind man's life, there were haters and doubters called Pharisees who couldn't accept his transformation. Read the passage and explore this story.

**When we undergo trials and sufferings, our focus should not be on the why, but on the person of Jesus and the lessons that suffering brings (v. 1-3)**

- What did the disciples ask Jesus upon seeing a blind man who was blind from birth?
- Are the challenges, sicknesses, and misfortunes happening to you today a result of your sin, a past sin, or the sin of your fathers and mothers? In short, is there such a thing as generational sin, meaning that the sins of the fathers are passed on to the children (Ezekiel 18)?
- Discuss why some of the sins of the father can be felt in the lives of their children or their descendants?

- What cleanses and frees you from ALL sins?
- While you may still be suffering the consequences of your sins, would God still punish you later on for the sins you have committed that you have truly repented of and asked Him for forgiveness?
- Why is it wrong to abuse God's forgiving grace?
- What was the reason why the man was born blind in verse 3?

**Faith as evidenced in obedience to Jesus' instructions in trying times always results in something good (v. 4-7)**

- How was the healing of the blind man a part of God's sovereign plan?
- How did Jesus heal the blind man? Did the miracle work because of Who Jesus is or because of the method He used?
- How can you tell that this man had real faith in Jesus?
- In times of trials, how do you simply live by faith? Does it always guarantee that when you live by faith in obedience to God's Word that your problems will go away immediately?
- Share how a trial had caused you to see something good that made you accept your circumstances and have a much more peaceful life (John 16:33). Could you honestly say, "Who else is there? He is my only hope."

**Even in troubled times an encounter with Jesus should transform our lives so much that the world notices and wants to seek Jesus (v. 8-12)**

- How did the healed blind man attract the attention of others? How did he respond to their questions, which showed that he wanted them to know that it was Jesus who healed him?
- As a follower of Jesus Christ, how do you respond to adversities? How do you accept what God allows you to go through and experience?
- What would the people around you see when you respond to trials in your life?
- Aside from physical healing, do you need spiritual heart healing in your life as well?

**REFLECT**

Read the rest of the chapter for the conclusion of the story. The Bible tells us that this previously blind man believed in Jesus as the Son of God and worshiped Him. His faith didn't waver in spite of the Pharisees who tried to confuse him. Do you worship the Lord even when you go through trying times, because of His grace and His love in your life? What healing in your life would you praise Him for?

**PRAY**

Heavenly Father, thank You that when I go through times of pain, trials, and difficulties, I can trust You in the journey You take me on. Thank You that I am not alone because You are always with me. May I always focus on the Lord Jesus Christ and the lessons the suffering I go through brings. May my faith be evidenced in obedience to Jesus' instructions in trying times that results in something good. May my encounter with Jesus even in troubled times transform my life that would cause others to notice and want to seek Jesus. In His precious name I pray. Amen.