



THE MAN BORN BLIND

John 9:1-34

Scene 1: The Healing of the Blind Man, v. 1-7

Narrator: As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. The disciples asked him,

Disciples: Rabbi, why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?

Narrator: But Jesus answered them,

Jesus: It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins. This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.

Narrator: Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. He told the blind man,

Jesus: Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam.

Narrator: So the man went and washed and came back seeing!



From
problem
to
purpose

Scene Two, the Dialogue between the
Neighbors and the Man Born Blind, v. 8-12

Narrator: The neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other-

Neighbors: Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?

Narrator: Some were saying

Neighbor 1: Yes, it is.

Narrator: Others were saying

Neighbor 2: No, he just looks like him!

Narrator: But the beggar kept saying,

MBB: Yes, I am the same one!

Neighbors: Who healed you? What happened?

MBB: The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see!

Neighbors: Where is he now?

MBB: I don't know.



From
doubt to
declaration

Scene 3, the Dialogue between the Pharisees
and the Man, v. 13-17

Narrator: Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them,

MBB: He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!

Pharisee 1: This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath.

Pharisees 2: But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?

Narrator: So there was a deep division of opinion among them. Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded,

Pharisees: What's your opinion about this man who healed you?

MBB: I think he must be a prophet.



From
paradigm
to paradox

Scene 4: The Dialogue between the Pharisees
and the Blind Man's Parents, v. 18-23

Narrator: The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents. They asked them,

Pharisees: Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?

Narrator: His parents replied,

Parents: We know this is our son and that he was born blind, but we don't know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.

Narrator: His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. That's why they said,

Parents: He is old enough. Ask him.



From
family to
fear

Scene 5: A Second Dialogue between the
Pharisees and the Man, v. 24-34

Narrator: So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him,

Pharisees: God should get the glory for this, because we know this man Jesus is a sinner.

MBB: I don't know whether he is a sinner. But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!

Pharisees: But what did he do? How did he heal you?

MBB: Look! I told you once. Didn't you listen? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?

Narrator: Then they cursed him and said,

Pharisees: You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses! We know God spoke to Moses, but we don't even know where this man comes from.

MBB: Why, that's very strange! He healed my eyes, and yet you don't know where he comes from?

MBB: We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will. Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. If this man were not from God, he couldn't have done it.

Pharisees: You were born a total sinner! Are you trying to teach us?

Narrator: And they threw him out of the synagogue.



From
blindness
to sight

