

## **The Pool of Siloam**

John 9

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Jesus came upon a man who had been born blind. The disciples asked, "What caused this man's blindness? Did he sin, or did his parents?"

Jesus replied, "His blindness has nothing to do with sin. It's simply part of the chaos and darkness into which God has sent the light of life and out of which God is making a new creation."

Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud, and put it on the man's eyes, telling him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam."

The man went and washed, and he could see. His friends and neighbors took him to the Pharisees, and he told them what had happened. They were upset because Jesus had healed this man on the Sabbath. Some of the Pharisees said, "This Jesus is not from God. If he were, he would keep the Sabbath."

But others said, "How can someone who is not from God perform such miraculous signs?"

They asked the man, "What do you say about him?"

He replied, "All I know is that I was blind but now I can see!"

"How did he heal you?"

"I've already told you and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

"We are disciples of Moses! God spoke to Moses, but we don't even know where this man comes from."

"You don't know where he comes from? He gave me sight! Obviously he's from God."

"How dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Jesus found the man and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

"Point him out to me and I will believe in him."

Jesus said, "You're looking at him. Don't you recognize my voice?"

The man said, "Lord, I believe."