

Reasoning out of the Scriptures

by Allegory and Type



Series 06

*class 5 – continuing **The Signs in John***

Jesus Calms the Raging Sea & Curing the Blind Man

Fifth Sign—Jesus Calms the Raging Sea

Joh 6:15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a KING, *he departed again into a mountain himself alone.*

The context connects this Sign with the previous Sign of *feeding the multitude*. Jesus now figuratively departs to the Right Hand of the Father “alone,” rep. the period between the first and second advents.

Mat 14:22—“Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship and go before him unto the other side, and he sent the multitudes away”

Mountain—reps the Kingdom of God (Joel 3:17; Isa 2:2-3; Dan 2:35-45).

Mat 14:22 & Mar 6:46 “went into a mountain to pray” (Father & Son)

Make him a King—Jesus said “My kingdom is not of this world if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight”—Joh 18:37

Luk 19:11-13 “He added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return”

Joh 6:16 And when *even was now come*, HIS DISCIPLES went *down unto the sea*, *Christ up in mount. Disciples down in sea.*

Even was come—as noted in the previous sign, the “evening” or “night” reps. the Gentile Times between the “Day” of the Lord. More so, it signifies the *Kingdom of Men* in power:

Dan 7:2-3, 17 “Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision BY NIGHT, and, behold, the FOUR WINDS of the heaven strove upon *the great sea*... These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which arise out of the earth”

The Sea—symbolizes the multitudes of the people in unrest. This is the dominion of the *Kingdom of Men*. NOTES: CONTRAST SEA AND EARTH

Rev 17:15 “The waters which thou sawest, WHERE THE WHORE SITTETH, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues”

Mark 6:47 and Mat 14:24: “the ship was in the midst of the sea.”

- *This is in contrast to Christ Jesus, who was in a mountain and “alone on the land” (Mar 6:47). This “sign” largely focuses on the Disciples between the first and second advents of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Mar 6:47 adds “When even was come, the ship was in the midst of the SEA, and he alone on the LAND” **Christ & disciples in different situations**

- Although absent, Christ has not abandoned his brethren during the period of *darkness, waves and sea*. The Father has given His Son “all power in heaven and in earth” (Mat 28:18). As this *sign* indicates Christ is manipulating the sea and overseeing the ship—political and religious—following his resurrection; while “alone” in a mountain.

1Pet 3:22 “Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; ANGELS and AUTHORITIES AND POWERS being made subject unto him”

Eph 1:20-23 “Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, AND GAVE HIM TO BE THE HEAD OVER ALL THINGS TO THE CHURCH, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Col 1:15-18)

- Saints “wrestle” against “the rulers of darkness in this world,” and “spiritual wickedness in high places”—*Eph 6:12*

Joh 6:17 *And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward *CAPERNAUM. And it was now dark, and Jesus was NOT come to them. ***“City of Comfort” Consolation they seek***

Ship—rep. teaching and preserving the Truth preserved in the ecclesia:

Luk 5:3 “He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship”

- The apostles traveled “by ship” to spread the gospel amidst the roaring chaos and noise of the flesh (see Acts cp Isa 17:12-14).

It was now dark, and Jesus was not come unto them—the prophetic Word is the “light” of surety during the “darkness” of Gentile times.

2Pet 1:19 “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, *as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, UNTIL the day dawn, and the day star (Sun) arise in your hearts*”

Psa 119:105 “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*”

Pro 6:23 “*For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light*”

- The Lampstand illuminating with light reps. the ecclesia (Acts 2:42; Rev 1:20). As all the children of Israel were responsible for bringing the “oil” for the Lampstand each brother and sister has the obligation to contribute to the necessary combustion by study; beating out the pure olive oil (Lev 24:1-4).

Act 20:7 “Upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread... there were *many lights in the upper chamber*, where they were gathered together”

Rev 1:20 “The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and *the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches*”

- **The ecclesia comes together in remembrance of Christ, but the need for teaching “sound doctrine” is often forgotten, and continually emphasized in Scripture** (THE DEPARTURE FROM THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRUTH BEGAN IN THE FIRST CENTURY AND IS EVERYWHERE RECORDED IN SCRIPTURE)

1Tim 1:18-19 “Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away *concerning faith have made shipwreck*”

Act 2:42 “they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers”

Rom 16:17 “I beseech you, brethren, *mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them*”

1Tim 1:3 “I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, *that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine*” (1Tim 4:13,16—elders that labor in Word and Doctrine 1Tim 5:17)

2Tim 4:2-3 “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with *all longsuffering and doctrine*. For the time will come when *they will not endure sound doctrine...*”

Tit 1:9 “Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able *by sound doctrine* both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers”

2Jn 1:9-10 “Whosoever transgresseth, and *abideth not in the doctrine of Christ*, hath not God... If there come any unto you, and *bring not this doctrine*, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed”

Rev 2:14-15 “But I have a few things against thee, because *thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam...* So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate”

Joh 6:18 And the sea arose *by reason of a great *wind* that blew. **Gk. "four quarters" (Dan 7:2 four winds of the night vision)*

Mat 14:24 ADDS *waves and wind contrary.* **Mar 6:48** *toiling in rowing*

Great Wind—false doctrine or teaching (Isa 41:29), which stirs the multitudes (Isa 17:12): resisting the Truth preserved in the ship.

Eph 4:11-14 “He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints... *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking Truth in love...*”

Jer 5:13 “The prophets shall become **wind*, and the word is not in them” **Heb. ruach—spirit teaching of false prophets (1Kin 22:22-23)*

Isa 41:29 “Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: *their molten images are wind and confusion*”

A “wavering” faith is “like a wave of the sea driven by the wind and tossed” —*Jam 1:6.*

Remember how quickly error entered the 1st century ecclesia.

Joh 6:19 So when they had **rowed* about five and twenty or thirty FURLONGS, *they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship:* and they were afraid. **push, resist*

Walking on the Sea—his authority and control over systems of men!

NOTE: by prophetic light in darkness the disciples can “see” the Lord walking on the seas: evidence of the dawning of the Day Star—“the Sun of Righteousness arising” (Mal 4:2). The word “see” is translated “perceive” (Joh 4:19; Act 17:22; 27:10); *to observe by knowledge.*

**Mat 14:25 notes this was “the fourth watch.” *same as Mat 24:43-46 faithful steward is ready for his return (“Furlong” trans. “race” 1Cor 9:24). Weymouth trans. it as “toward the break of day.” The Lord’s return!*

Rev 21:1-2 “I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband” (Rev 13:1)

Rowed—Mark 6:48 adds “toiling in rowing.” They labored to give the ship direction, contrary to the wind and sea. *The Truth vs. False Teaching*

Joh 6:20 But he saith unto them, It is I; *be not afraid.*

Be not Afraid—v. 19 says they rowed “in fear.” Matthew adds—Mat 14:28-32 “Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. *But when he saw the wind boisterous (Gk. strong), he was afraid; and beginning to sink (Gk. drown),* he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? *And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased*”

- The foremost disciple—*Peter listed as “first” among the 12 apostles (Mat 10:2)*—could not depart from the ship alone (Rom 12; 1Cor 12; Eph 4). We must all “abide in the ship” to be “saved” (Act 27:31).

Symbolically, Peter proclaimed the Gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 10-11). However, alone, he was overcome with the Jewish prejudice and was rebuked by Paul (Gal 2:11-12). Before the Lord comes to the “ship” it was necessary that the Gospel go forth to the Gentiles; the “sea.”

Joh 6:21 Then *they willingly* RECEIVED *him into the ship*: and *immediately the ship was at the land* **WHITHER THEY WENT**.

Received—trans to “obtain” resurrection (Heb 11:35); incorruptible crown (1Cor 9:24-25). The labor of the toil brings reward for the faithful.

Christ in the Ship—ecclesia life is a struggle when Christ is not in the ship; in the temporal and eternal. With Christ “in the midst of the Lampstand” it is always calming in a raging sea (Rev 2:1).

- The Truth will always be resisted by the wind and sea; as it requires brethren to move contrary to the flow of humanity (Mat 1:20; Acts 18:9; 27:24-29; Heb 11:27; 1Pet 3:14). The fruit of the spirit is contrary to the works of the flesh (Gal 5:16-26). The resistance and conflict between the two is unavoidable *and necessary*.

At the Land—arrive at “*Capernaum*” (*City of Comfort*). *The present day ecclesia is not the end result, but a necessary part of the process “in the wilderness” that we might enter “the Land” under Joshua (Act 7:38).*

Whither they went—the Kingdom! *Thru much tribulation (Act 14:22; Rev 1:9).* Let us never be overthrown by grief (1Cor 10; Heb 3-4).

Sixth Sign—Curing the Blind Man

Joh 9:1 *And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. (v.39-41 teach us the intent of this Sign)*

As Jesus Passed By—the context requires an understanding of what happened *before* the healing of the blind man in the previous chapter.

John 8:31-33 “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you FREE. They answered him, We be Abraham’s seed, and were never in BONDAGE to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made FREE?”*

- Being “in bondage” or “free” as it pertains to “Abraham’s seed” was a very significant subject relating to the Jews (*Elpis Israel, pg. 253*)

Gal 4:21-31 “Ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a **bondmaid**, the other by a **freewoman**. But he who was of the bondwoman was **born after the flesh**; BUT he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are AN ALLEGORY: for these are the two covenants...”

“... the one from the mount *Sinai*, which gendereth to **BONDAGE**, which is Hagar. For this *Hagar* is mount *Sinai* in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in **bondage** with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is **free**, which is the mother of us all... Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that **was born after the flesh** persecuted him that was **born after the Spirit**, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? **Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.** So then, brethren, we are not children of the **bondwoman**, but of the **free**”

- **HAGAR**—represents the Law given at Mt. Sinai (*from Egypt*)
- **ISHMAEL**—represents Abraham’s seed **born after the flesh**
- **SARAH**—represents Abraham’s seed **born after the spirit**
- **ISAAC**—represents the seed of Abraham according to promise

Furthermore, “the seed” to *free* men from “bondage” is Christ:

Gal 3:16 “Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, *And to seeds, as of many*; BUT AS OF ONE, AND TO THY SEED, WHICH IS CHRIST”

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever ****committeth sin is *the servant of sin.***

****Gk. prolonged form; perpetually**

Servant of Sin—only used elsewhere for those not baptized into Christ:

Rom 6:17-23 “God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made **FREE** from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness... For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were **FREE** from righteousness... now being made **FREE** from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end ***EVERLASTING LIFE**” ***note the next verse**

John 8:35 And *the servant abideth not in the house* ***FOR EVER:** but **THE SON** ***ABIDETH EVER.**

Abideth not in the house forever—“Israel after the flesh” (1Cor 10:18), was “cast out” of Abraham’s house (Gen 21:10 cp. Mat 8:12); specifically for “mocking” the Son born after the spirit (Gen 21:9-10)/

Joh 8:36 If THE SON *therefore shall make you FREE, ye shall be FREE indeed.*

Son shall make you free—refusing Christ kept the Jews in bondage (Gal 3:16); the One who could “free” and liberate the Jews from Law of condemnation; Sin and Death (Rom 8:15-21; Gal 4:9)

Rom 9:6-9 “Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, **because they are the seed of Abraham**, are they all children: but, IN ISAAC SHALL THY SEED BE CALLED. That is, They which are **the children of the flesh**, these are NOT the children of God: but the *children of the promise are counted for the seed. For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.” *Seed & Word of promise

Gal 4:28 “Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise”

Joh 8:37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, *because my WORD hath no place in you.*

My Word—Christ’s were the words of eternal life (Joh 6:63,68; 5:24; 39-40)

Joh 8:39 They answered and said unto him, *Abraham is our father.* Jesus saith unto them, *If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the WORKS OF ABRAHAM.*

Works of Abraham—directly noted when he “offered Isaac” [Jam 2:21](#). This was a “figure” of the death and resurrection of Christ [Heb 11:17-19](#) [Gal 3:27-29](#) “(those) baptized into Christ have put on Christ... and if ye be Christ's, THEN ARE YE ABRAHAM'S SEED, and heirs according to the promise” **Abraham, our Father**—his “children” were NOT by the flesh. To emphasize this, He and Sarah were “old,” with “deadness” of body and womb (Rom 4:19), and the patriarch and his seed were “circumcision” (Rom 4:11). This was “confirmed” in The Son begotten by the spirit & a virgin, who “crucified” the flesh on a tree (Rom 6:6).

Joh 8:56-59 *Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad (Gal 3; Rom 4).* Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. THEN TOOK THEY UP STONES TO CAST AT HIM: BUT JESUS **HID** HIMSELF, *and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

Hid—concealed, i.e. for lack of understanding. Trans “secret” below
Mat 13:34-35 “All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in *parables*; and *without a parable spake he not unto them*: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept **secret** from the foundation of the world” **SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS**

Went out of the Temple—fulfilling the shadows of the Law (Mat 5:17).
The death and resurrection of Christ created the *Temple of God* in the body of His Son and his brethren (Joh 2:19-22; 1Cor 3:16-17; 6:19; 2Cor 6:16)
Going through the midst of them—literally, to pass through the middle.

John 9:1 And ***AS JESUS PASSED BY**, *he saw a man which was blind from his birth.* ***(symbolizing the blindness of the Jews)**

Blind from His Birth—the birth-state of Abraham’s fleshly seed.
Pharisees were “blind leaders of the blind” (Mat 15:14; Rom 11:25)
“Blindness” is a spiritual ailment (Rev. 3:17; Mat. 15:12-14). It rep. a condition remedied by the Gospel, which opens the eyes (Isa. 42:6-18).
“Blindness” is connected with sin (Deu. 28:28-29; Lam. 4:14; Zep. 1:17).

John 9:2 And his *disciples* asked him, saying, Master, *who did sin*, this man, or his parents, that he *was born blind*?

John 9:3 Jesus answered, *Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that *the works of God should be made manifest in him. *the “works of God” were Christ himself (next verse)*

❑ “Children are *born* sinners or unclean, because they are *born of sinful flesh*; and that which is born of the flesh is flesh, or sin. This is a misfortune, not a crime”—*Elpis Israel, pg. 116*

The Jews’ blindness was the refusal that they were born after the flesh.

John 12:37-41 “But THOUGH HE HAD DONE SO MANY MIRACLES BEFORE THEM, YET THEY BELIEVED NOT ON HIM: That the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled... *He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them*”

Who did sin—this sign was about our nature, NOT transgression. Thus, the “birth” of blindness and “parents” (Joh 9:2,3,18,20,22, 23)!

The question is from the disciples, who align “sin” with “blindness.”

Luke 4:18 “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, TO SET AT LIBERTY them that are bruised*” (Isa. 61:1-3) *See Isa 42:7*

Joh 9:4 I must **work the works* of him that SENT me, while it is day: *the night cometh, when no man can work.* ***John 11:4**
Joh 9:5 As long as I am in the world, *I am the light of the world.* ****darkness and light symbols employed for blindness**

Works of God—*the proof Jesus was Messiah (Joh 5:36; 10:25,37; 14:10-13)*
Light—*this is the source to open the eyes; but requires exposure of sin.*

Acts 26:17-18, “*TO OPEN THEIR EYES, and to turn them from darkness to LIGHT... that they may receive forgiveness of sins*”

2Cor 4:3-4 “*If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath BLINDED THE MINDS of them which believe not, lest the LIGHT of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*”

John 3:19-21 “This is the condemnation, *that* LIGHT *is* come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than LIGHT, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the LIGHT, neither cometh to the LIGHT, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the LIGHT, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God”

Light of Truth exposing sin is essential to bring men out of darkness to their condition of sin; begotten by the Word (Jam 1:18).

Joh 9:6 When *he had thus* SPOKEN, he SPAT on the ground, and **made clay of the spittle*, and he *anoointed the eyes* of the blind man with the *clay*, ****Word forms new man Isa 45:9; 64:8***

Spoken—Spittle: this is done on two other occasions (Word cures):

Mar 7:32-33 Jesus “put his fingers in the ears, and spit and touched the tongue” of the deaf man who could not speak

Mar 8:23-24 Jesus “spit on the eyes” of the blind man from Bethsaida

Anointed the eyes—divine remedy and creation of Abraham’s seed.

Rev 3:17-18 to Laodicea: “thou art... *blind... anooint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see*” ****clay: mortal man (Job 4:19; 10:9; 13:12)**

Joh 9:7 *And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, SENT.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. **Baptism opens eyes***

Siloam—he was blind until acting on the Word **Act 2:37-41; 8:12,36-38.**

Sent—*Gk. word rep. Christ as the Great Apostle “sent from God”*

“He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God”—John 3:34

“the works that I do bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.”—John 5:36

“This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom He hath sent”—Joh 6:29

“I proceeded forth and came from God, neither came I of myself, but He sent me”—Joh 8:42 (Joh 10:36)

“This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only True God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent”—Joh 17:3

Washed—cleansed from clay **BROUGHT TO LIGHT** by the Word (v.11,15); to “repent and be baptized” for the “remission of sins”—**Act 2:38.**

1Cor 6:11 “Such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified...” (Heb 10:2; Rev 1:5) **Eph 5:26**

Joh 9:8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he *was blind*, said, Is not this he that *sat and *begged?* ***entirely different countenance than the Jews**

Joh 9:9 Some said, This is he: others *said*, He is like him: *but HE said, I am HE.*

Sat, Begged—birth by the Word is received in humility. A blind man can only “hear” the Word; he cannot live by sight but by faith (2Cor 5:7). The Abrahamic seed is “born” by hearing the Word (Gen 21:1-2; 1Pet 1:23).

Neighbor—associated with friends; those adjoining nearby land (Luk 15:6-9) Root word is “ground,” upon which the seed was sown (Mar 4:3-8)

Some said; Others said—some accept factual truth and others do not.

Act 28:23-24 “There came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. *And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not*”

Note interrogation: not disputing his eyes open, but how it happened

Joh 9:10 Therefore said they unto him, *How were thine eyes opened?* (*men can see when the clay is removed by the Word*)

Joh 9:11 He answered and said, A MAN THAT IS CALLED JESUS **made clay*, and anointed mine eyes, and SAID UNTO ME, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and *I went and washed, and I received sight.* **he was “born” blind: natural man*

Man called Jesus—name given to “save us from our sins” (Mat 1:21).
The blind man who can now “see” repeats verbatim what he was told.
The Truth must be taught others in purity as it was received (2Tim 2:2)
Washed—as suggested, this reps. Jesus drawing attention to the Word that testified of Himself to “open the eyes of the blind” —

Luke 24:25-31 “O fools, and slow of heart to believe *all that the prophets have spoken*: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? *And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself...* As he sat at meat with them, *he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight*”

Joh 9:13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

Joh 9:14 And ***IT WAS THE SABBATH DAY WHEN JESUS MADE THE CLAY, AND OPENED HIS EYES. *did he break or fulfill the Law?**

Joh 9:15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

Joh 9:16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, *This man is not of God*, BECAUSE HE KEEPETH NOT THE SABBATH DAY. *Others said*, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

Not of God—rejecting Jesus was rejecting his Father (Joh 12:44-48).

“He that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me”—Joh 13:20

Sabbath—Jesus performed SEVEN miracles on the Sabbath: unclean spirit (Mk 1:21); Peter’s mother-in-law (Mt 8:14); withered hand (Lk 6:6); woman 18-yr infirmity (Lk 13:11); man with dropsy (Lk 14:2); impotent man (Jn 5:16); and here, the blind man (Jn 9:14).

Seventh-Sabbath—since the blind man was a testimony to the Jews, it is significant he is the last recorded in John to be healed on the Sabbath. This is the ultimate purpose with Israel in the Millennial Age.

- Rom 11:25-28 “I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; *that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved:* as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins”

Gen 21:19 “And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink”

- *Two wave loaves—Jew-Gentile—presented after Seventh Sabbath; Pentecost (Lev 23:15-17), and the Jubilee release (Lev 25:8-9).*

Joh 9:18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called *the parents of him* that had received his sight.

Joh 9:19 And they asked them, saying, *Is this your son, who ye say was born blind?* how then doth he now see?
Joh 9:20 *His parents* answered them and said, We know that *this is our son*, and that he was *born blind*:

His Parents—mentioned SIX TIMES. *The natural relation after the flesh emphasizes the doctrinal principle of the sign. All men are born blind and must be begotten by the spittle-word of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

John 3:1-10 “There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews... Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, *Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit...* Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, **ART THOU A MASTER OF ISRAEL, AND KNOWEST NOT THESE THINGS?”**

Eph 2:3 “We all had our conversation in times past in *the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others”*

Joh 9:21 But by what means he now seeth, *we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not*: *HE IS OF AGE; ask him: he shall speak for himself. **age of responsibility*

Joh 9:22 These *words* spake *his parents*, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that IF ANY MAN DID CONFESS THAT HE WAS CHRIST, he should be *put out of the synagogue*. (John 12:42; 16:2)

Joh 9:23 Therefore said *his parents*, He is of age; ask him.

Joh 9:27 He answered them, I have told you already, and YE DID NOT HEAR: wherefore would YE HEAR IT AGAIN? *will ye also be his disciples?* *Repeated questions to change answer*

Joh 9:28 Then they reviled him, and said, *Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples*. *The Law vs. Christ*

Joh 9:29 We know that GOD spake unto Moses: *as for this fellow,* *WE KNOW NOT FROM WHENCE HE IS. **Key principle*

The Law was given by Moses, by Grace and Truth by Jesus Christ—*Joh 1:17*

Joh 9:30 The *MAN answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, *that ye* KNOW NOT FROM WHENCE HE IS, and *yet* he hath opened mine eyes. *not blind

Moses—the one in whom the Jews placed their confidence enacted the “fading glory” of the Law. When Moses’ face “shone” after speaking with Yahweh he veiled his face. This incident (Exo 34:29-35) was typical of the Law “which glory was to be done away” in Christ (2Cor 3)

2Cor 3:13-15 “Not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: BUT THEIR MINDS WERE BLINDED: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, *the vail is upon their *heart*”

Hardened heart cause of blindness (Eph 4:18; Mat 13:15; Joh 12:40; Rom 11:25)

John 5:44-47 “There is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. BUT IF YE BELIEVE NOT HIS WRITINGS, HOW SHALL YE BELIEVE MY WORDS?”

Know Not From Whence He Is—the continual challenge to the claim that Jesus was *sent* by God, and therefore was, in fact, the *Son of God*, who came from heaven. The intent was so that all who believe might “become the sons of God” (Joh 1:1-12).

Joh 8:12-19 “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, *I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.* The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: FOR I KNOW WHENCE I CAME, AND WHITHER I GO; BUT YE CANNOT TELL WHENCE I COME, AND WHITHER I GO. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, *but I and the Father that sent me.* It is also WRITTEN IN YOUR LAW, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and *the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.* Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? *Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also*”

Joh 9:32 *Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.*

Joh 9:33 If this man were not OF GOD, he could do nothing.

Since the world began—Moses recorded the creation, but never a blind man healed. This “sign” manifested Messiah as he who open the eyes (Isa 42:7; 29:18; 35:5). **New Creation in Christ (2Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15)**

Joh 9:34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether **born in sins*, and dost thou teach us? *And they cast him out.* ***the initial question from the disciples: v.1-2**

Born in Sins—the Jews did not see “sin” as a condition of our nature, they only saw it as a matter of transgression—

□ “The word *sin* is used in two principal acceptations in the scripture. It signifies in the first place ‘the transgression of the law’; and in the next, it represents that physical principle of the animal nature, *which is the cause of all its diseases, death and resolution into dust*” —*Elpis Israel, pg. 126-127*

Cast out—redemption outside of the Law (John 12:42 cf. 6:37).

Joh 9:35 Jesus heard that *they had cast him out*; and when he had found him, he said unto him, *Dost thou believe on ***the Son of God?** ***this was the purpose of all “signs” John 20:30-31***

Son of God—his divine origin persistently challenged by the Jews (Mat 4:1-6; 26:63; 27:40-43); while believers confess (Mat 14:33; 27:54).

Joh 9:36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, *that I might believe on him?*

Joh 9:37 And Jesus said unto him, *Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.*

Joh 9:38 And he said, Lord, I BELIEVE. *And he worshipped him.* (two stages: hearing, then seeing—Mar 7:33)

1Pet 1:7-9 “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that *perisheth... Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls*”

Joh 9:39 And Jesus said, *For judgment I am come into this world*, that they which SEE NOT might SEE; and that they which SEE might be made BLIND.

Joh 9:40 And *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, *Are we blind also?*

Joh 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have NO SIN: but now ye say, *We see; therefore your sin remaineth.* ***(Paul could not see until he was made blind—Act 9)***

Judgment—relates to the same Gk. expression of self “condemnation” for rejecting the Son of God sent to save the world (Joh 3:17-19)

- Opening of the eyes of the “blind” reps. an enlightenment to sin; while those who claim to “see” have no awareness of sin.

Rom 2:17-19 “Thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, And knowest *his* will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; *And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness*”

Blindness of the Jews—EMPHASIS ON THE RITUAL TO AVOID THE INWARD

Mat 15:12-14 “Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended... *Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch*”

Mat 23:16-26 “*Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess*”

John 15:20-25 “IF I HAD NOT COME AND SPOKEN UNTO THEM, *they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.* He that hateth me hateth my Father also. IF I HAD NOT DONE AMONG THEM THE WORKS WHICH NONE OTHER MAN DID, THEY HAD NOT HAD SIN: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.”