



Gospel of John

9:1-12 (NIV)

⁹ As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?”

⁹ Some claimed that he was.

Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.” ¹⁰ “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.

¹¹ 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.”

¹² “Where is this man?” they asked him. “I don’t know,” he said.

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!



Sermon Notes

UNCOMMON CIRCUMSTANCES

beyond normal experience, unusual, in excess of what is expected

Choices determine your destination

Circumstances reveal your commitment

Beware the **BLAME GAME**

“Who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?”

*Blaming shifts **RESPONSIBILITY** and **ACCOUNTABILITY***

When there’s someone to blame there’s nothing left to do

Project a faith **PERSPECTIVE**

*The question is not **WHY ME**, but **WHAT NOW?***

We are surrounded by insurmountable opportunities!

We come to church not to deny our problems, but to heal them and learn from them.

Stay to **TOGETHER**

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who comforts us in all our troubles, **so that** we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. **2 Cor 1:4***

You are not alone!