

I WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE

John 9:8-41

Key Verse: 9:25

"He replied, 'Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!'"

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How had the blind beggar experienced the grace of Jesus? What great and traumatic changes must have occurred in his life and in his view of life? (Put yourself in his place.)
2. When the neighbors saw him, what was their reaction? Why were they confused? What was the former blind man's testimony? What risk did he take? Why were the neighbors not so happy to see this joyful event? What did they do?
3. Read verses 13-17. Why and how did the Pharisees question him? What were their differing opinions about him? Why? When they asked the former blind man's opinion, what did he say? What does this mean?
4. Read verses 18-23. Why and how did they question his parents? Why did they say, "Ask him?" Why were they afraid of being expelled from the synagogue? What did they lose?
5. When they called him in a second time what did they mean by, "We know this man is a sinner" and "Give glory to God"? (24) What does this way of interrogation reveal about the religious leaders?
6. What was the former blind man's answer? Why was it hard and costly for him to remember God's grace? Think of some examples of others who have remembered God's grace in costly ways (1Co 15:9). Why is it important to remember the grace of God?
7. Why did they become so angry? How did they respond? (25-29) What obvious truth did he teach them? (30-34) How did they punish him? What had this man lost by sticking to his convictions?
8. How did Jesus help him in his abandoned state? Why is Jesus' way of helping the best way? What did Jesus reveal about himself and how did the man respond? What did he gain by remembering Jesus' grace to the end?