

Study Guide for May 31st, 2009. Blindness and Sight Exposed. John 9:13-34

Introduction: Describe a person who surprised you by their chutzpah. What was your initial impression of this person? When and how did your perspective to change?

I. Initial Fact Finding. John 9:13-17

- A. Why do you think the man is brought to the Pharisees?
- B. When did the miracle take place? Note how John describes the miracle.
- C. What do the Pharisees ask (vs. 15a)? How does the man reply (vs. 15b)?
- D. What different responses does the man's answer generate among the Pharisee?
- E. What does the man conclude at this point (vs. 17) regarding Jesus' identity?
- F. Note who makes the same assessment of Jesus in the following passages.
Matt. 21:11, 46: Mk. 6:15: Lk. 7:16: Lk. 24:19: Jn. 4:19:

II. Subsequent Verification. John 9:18-23

- A. Why do the Pharisees send for the man's parents?
- B. What seems to be the purpose behind the three questions posed to the parents?
- C. What do the parents verify and what do they plead ignorance about? Why?
- D. How would you describe the character of the parents?
- E. Read Matt. 10:34-39. When have you faced tension in your family b/c of Jesus?

III. Final Confrontation. John 9:24-34

- A. The man is summoned to 'Give glory to God!' What does this mean (Josh. 7:9)?
- B. What is claimed to be known (vs. 24- 26) by . . . the Pharisees? . . . the man?
- C. Based on the man's reply (vs. 27) describe his character and relationship to Jesus.
- D. What do the responses of the Pharisees (vs. 28-29, 34) reveal about their hearts?
- E. Describe positively what the man asserts about Jesus (vs. 30-32). (see John 3:2)

Conclusion: Note how opposition developed faith in the man. How is it true in your life?