

THE MAN CALLED JESUS

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INTRODUCTION

A. **TEXT:** *"They said therefore unto him, How then were thine eyes opened? He answered, The man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to Siloam, and wash: so I went away and washed, and I received sight. And they said unto him, Where is he? He saith, I know not."* (John 9:11-12).

1. No one had ever so stirred Israel.
2. No one has ever so changed the world.
3. Who did these things... "The man that is called Jesus".

B. **THE SETTING:**

1. Jesus gave sight to a blind man.
2. The miracle was performed on the Sabbath day.
3. The Jews - leaders - ask the man who had been born blind, "how he received his sight."
4. His Answer: "The man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to Siloam and wash; so I went away and washed and I received my sight." v. 11.
5. The Jews then accuse Jesus of breaking the law by "working" on the Sabbath.

6. OUR LESSON: **Who Is This Man Called Jesus?**

THE QUESTION

A. The Question Had Been Asked Before: *"Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say that the Son of man is?"* (Matt. 16:13).

1. Several answers given:
 - a. John the Baptist.
 - b. Elijah
 - c. Jeremiah
 - d. Or one of the prophets.

2. What is the real answer to the question? How shall we answer?

B. It is obvious that great interest was being shown in knowing the identity of Jesus.

1. Every where He goes the people follow.
 2. The people want to know who He is.
 3. The Ruler's demanded to know who He was!
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NEGATIVE VIEWS

- A. *"Whence hath this man these things? And, What is the wisdom that is given unto this man, and what mean such mighty works wrought by his hand? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended in him."* (Mark 6:2,3).
1. He is just like one of us.
 2. I know his family.
 3. They were offended because of the claims being made.
- B. *"And Nathanael said unto him, Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"* (John 1:46). *"they answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and see that out of Galilee ariseth no prophet."* (Jn. 7:52)
1. Those in Jerusalem could not see or imagine something better coming from Galilee.
 2. In response to "This is the Christ" - "out of Galilee ariseth no prophet".
- C. *"But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This man doth not cast out demons, but by Beelzebub the prince of the demons."* (Matt. 12:24).
1. Attributed His works to Satan.
 2. "He has a demon" (Jn. 8:48) This accusation made several times.
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THE PEOPLE SAY

- A. CONCERNING HIS MIRACLES.
1. Matt. 8:16. He healed all that were sick.
 2. Luke 8:43,44. People crowded about Him that they might touch the border of his garments. (The woman healed of the issue of blood).
- B. ABOUT HIS TEACHING:
1. "Sermon On The Mount". Just one example of how the people came and listened.
 2. John 7:46. "Never a man so spake."
- C. THEIR CONCLUSION:
1. *"NO ONE CAN DO THESE SIGNS THAT THOU DOEST, EXCEPT God be with him."* (John 3:2).
 2. *"If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."* (John 9:33).
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WHO COULD SAY

- A. *"And Jesus seeing their faith saith unto the sick of palsy, Son, thy sins are forgiven."* (Mark 2:5).
1. "Why does this man thus speak? He blasphemeth - who can forgive sins but one, even God. (Mark 2:7).
 2. He was also accused of having a demon.
- B. *"Which is easier, to say to the sick of the palsy, thy sins are forgiven, or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk".*
1. "But that you may know that the son of Man (the man called Jesus) hath authority on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of palsy) I say unto thee, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house." (10,11).
 2. "We never saw it on this fashion."
- C. WHO COULD DO THIS? Forgive Sins?
1. Who is He... "We don't know" v. 29.
 2. *"Why herein is the marvel, that ye know not whence he is, and yet he opened mine eyes.....If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. (John 9:30-33)*
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CONCLUSION

- A. THE MAN CALLED JESUS IS:
1. The Messiah - The Christ.
 2. The Son of God.
 3. *".....and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* (Isa. 9:6).
- B. *"He saith unto them, But who say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."* (Matt. 16:16).
1. WHAT IS **YOUR** ANSWER?
 2. Can we say what Peter said?
- C. *"Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name."* (John 20:30,31).
1. DO YOU?
 2. He offers you Forgiveness of sins and Eternal Life.
 3. The Gospel is the Power of God, The Power He uses to Save You.
 4. Will you Obey Him Now? Have your sins washed away and live anew.
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“He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. Until he was thirty, he worked in a carpenter shop, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He wrote no books, held no office, never owned a home, never was in a big city, never traveled two hundred miles.

The authorities condemned his teachings; his friends deserted him. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he owned – his coat. When he was dead, he was buried in a borrowed tomb.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, yet today he is the crowning glory of the human race, the adored leader of millions of the earth’s inhabitants. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the rulers that ever reigned have not affected the life of a man upon this earth as profoundly as has that On Solitary Man.”

Author unknown.