

John 9:1

John chapter 9 is the account of Jesus giving sight to a man who was born blind. You can read it here: [John 9:1-41](#), or listen to it by playing the attached file: *John_09-01_thru_09-41.mp3*. It takes about 5 minutes to listen to this audio clip.

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Think about [John 9:1-2](#).

As he (Jesus) passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

- What did the disciples believe about people who suffer troubles in their body?
 - Is it sometimes true that God lets children suffer troubles because their parents sinned?
[Deuteronomy 5:9](#) ... *I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,*
 - Is it sometimes true that God lets people suffer troubles because they sinned?
[John 5:5-14](#) *One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ... Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. ... Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you."*
 - Is it **always** true that if someone is suffering troubles, it is because they sinned?
[1Peter 3:18](#) *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,*
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Think about [John 9:3](#).

Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."

- What reason did Jesus give why this man was born blind?
- How might this reason apply to us and our troubles?
[2Corinthians 12:7-10](#) (Paul said) ... *a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." ... For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

- Why is it important that the acts of God should be made visible and known?
[John 10:25-38](#) ... (Jesus said) *"The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ... I and the Father are one. ... If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."*
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Think about [John 9:4-5](#).

(Jesus said) *"We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*

- What did Jesus say was necessary for him and his students to do? Why was this necessary?
- What do you think Jesus meant by saying *"night is coming, when no one can work."*
[Luke 17:22](#) *And he (Jesus) said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it."*
- What do you think Jesus wanted people to do, while they still had his light?
[John 12:35-36](#) *Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."*