<u>John 9:29</u>

John chapter 9 is the account of Jesus giving sight to a man who was born blind.

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Think about John 9:29-33.

(The Pharisees said to the man born blind) We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, (Jesus) we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

- What caused amazement in the man born blind?
- Why did he find the ignorance of these religious rulers to be so unbelievable? <u>Acts 2:22</u> (Peter said) "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know ..."

(2)

Think about John 9:34.

They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

- What did these religious rulers believe about the man born blind?
- What did these religious rulers believe about themselves?
 <u>Proverbs 26:12</u> Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- What did these religious rulers do to the man born blind? (see John 9:34 above)
- Why did they punish him in this way?

<u>John 9:22</u> ... the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.

(3)

Think about Daniel 7:13-14.

(The prophet Daniel said) "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a **son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."

• What do the ancient Jewish scriptures teach about the Son of Man?

(4)

Think about John 9:35-38.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

- What did Jesus do when he heard how the Jewish rulers had punished the man whom he had healed?
- What do you think; why did Jesus do this?

Luke 19:10 (Jesus said) "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

- How did Jesus answer the man's question "who is the Son of Man"?
- What does it mean to "believe in the Son of Man"?
- Why would Jesus care what this man believed about the Son of Man?

John 3:13-15 (Jesus said) No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.