

**Encounter these verses today:**

*circle words that you identify with,  
underline phrases or sentences you'd  
like to remember, write questions about  
the passage out to the side ...*



**John 9:1-41 (NIV) | Jesus & the Blind Man**

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?"

<sup>3</sup> "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. <sup>4</sup> We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. <sup>5</sup> The night is coming, and then no one can work. <sup>5</sup> But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup> Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

<sup>8</sup> His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some said he was, and others said, "No, he just looks like him!"

But the beggar kept saying, "Yes, I am the same one!"

<sup>10</sup> They asked, "Who healed you? What happened?"

<sup>11</sup> He told them, "The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.' So I went and washed, and now I can see!"

<sup>12</sup> "Where is he now?" they asked.

"I don't know," he replied.

<sup>13</sup> Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, <sup>14</sup> because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. <sup>15</sup> The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, "He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!"

<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath." Others said, "But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?" So there was a deep division of opinion among them.

<sup>17</sup> Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, "What's your opinion about this man who healed you?"

The man replied, "I think he must be a prophet."

<sup>18</sup> The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents. <sup>19</sup> They asked them, "Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?"

<sup>20</sup> His parents replied, "We know this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we don't know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself." <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> That's why they said, "He is old enough. Ask him."

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, "God should get the glory for this, <sup>25</sup> because we know this man Jesus is a sinner."

<sup>25</sup> "I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!"

<sup>26</sup> "But what did he do?" they asked. "How did he heal you?"

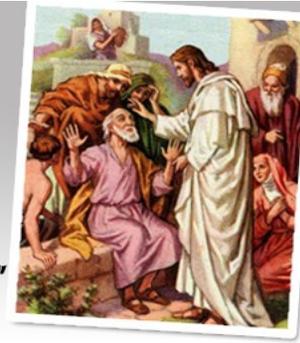
<sup>27</sup> "Look!" the man exclaimed. "I told you once. Didn't you listen? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

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Ashes  
to Fire

**"With Jesus along the Road"**  
John 9:1-41



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# Digging Deeper

[Engage the message throughout the week]

## Monday: 4.04.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 89; Jeremiah 14:1-9; Romans 7:1-12

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 6:1-15

**Prayer:** *Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope. Amen.*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Tuesday: 4.05.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 97; Jeremiah 17:19-27; Romans 7:13-25

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 6:16-27

**Prayer:** *Eternal and loving Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, feed me on this bread that He may live in me and I in Him. Amen.*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Wednesday: 4.06.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 101; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Romans 8:1-11

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 6:27-40

**Prayer:** *Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love ... O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love. Amen*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Thursday: 4.7.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 69; Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 8:12-27

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 6:41-51

**Prayer:** *Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love ... For it is in giving, that we receive, it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Friday: 4.8.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 102; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Romans 8:28-39

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 6:52-59

**Prayer:** *Father, accept my imperfect repentance, have compassion on my infirmities, forgive my faults, purify my uncleanness, strengthen my weakness, fix my unstableness, and let your good Spirit watch over me forever, and your love ever rule in my heart, through the merits and sufferings and love of your Son, in whom you are always well pleased. Amen.*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Saturday: 4.9.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 108:1-6; Jeremiah 23:9-15; Romans 9:1-18

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 6:60-71

**Prayer:** *Now to God the Father who first loved us, and made us accepted in the Beloved: to God the Son who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood; to God the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts with the love of God, be all love and glory for time and for e eternity. Amen.*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Continued scripture from back ....*

<sup>28</sup> Then they cursed him and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses!" <sup>29</sup> We know God spoke to Moses, but we don't even know where this man comes from."

<sup>30</sup> "Why, that's very strange!" the man replied. "He healed my eyes, and yet you don't know where he comes from?" <sup>31</sup> We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will. <sup>32</sup> Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he couldn't have done it."

<sup>34</sup> "You were born a total sinner!" they answered. "Are you trying to teach us?" And they threw him out of the synagogue.

### Spiritual Blindness

<sup>35</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

<sup>36</sup> The man answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him."

<sup>37</sup> "You have seen him," Jesus said, "and he is speaking to you!"

<sup>38</sup> "Yes, Lord, I believe!" the man said. And he worshiped Jesus.

<sup>39</sup> Then Jesus told him, <sup>40</sup> "I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind."

<sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, "Are you saying we're blind?"

<sup>41</sup> "If you were blind, you wouldn't be guilty," Jesus replied. "But you remain guilty because you claim you can see."