

Text: **John 9:1-41**

The Gospel of John

- Before John met Jesus he probably thought he would spend his life tending the family fishing business.
- As a young man, he followed John the Baptist around the wilderness of Judea. His mission was to prepare Israel for the coming of the Messiah,
- John helped JB baptize thousands of Jews.
- One day he sees Jesus and begins to follow him.
- After the destruction of Jerusalem in 70, John was forced to relocate to Antioch.
- Later in His life, Domitian exiled John to Patmos where he penned Revelation.
- He spent the remainder of his life near Ephesus ministering to the churches in Asia.
- In the final years of John's life, he decides to write the Gospel of John

The Feast of Tabernacles

In the time of Jesus, it was one of the three great annual pilgrimage feasts when tens of thousands of Jewish people would converge on Jerusalem. Their purpose, like so many Jewish traditions, is to remind the people of the time when their ancestors wandered in the wilderness, living in tents 'tabernacles' or 'booths'. These "tabernacles" or "tents" reminded God's people of His protection in the wilderness as they celebrated His continued provision through the harvest of produce from the Promised Land.

Summary-

- The Pharisees build a fence around the law.
- Jesus steps over their fence and heals the man by spitting on the dirt, making mud, and putting it on the man's eyes.

- The Pharisees ask who healed the man, but he's never seen Jesus, so he can't pick Him out of a lineup.
- The Pharisees round up his parents to verify the story, but they're nervous about the investigation because they don't want to be expelled from the synagogue community.
- The Pharisees interrogate the man again.

1. Providential Relationships

2. Practical Teaching

3. Pivotal Circumstances

Discussion Questions (John 9:1-41)

1. What did you like about this passage?
2. What challenged you or inspired you most?
3. Is there an action to take or avoid?

Recommended Books

Sticky Faith by Kara Powell & Chap Clark

Parenting by Paul Tripp

The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble

Resources Used

The Expositor's Bible Commentary

The IVP Bible Background Commentary

Living Insights on John by Charles Swindoll

The Gospel of John by William Barclay

5 Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith