

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

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Acts

16:16-34

PAUL AND SILAS IN PRISON

16 AS WE WERE GOING TO THE PLACE OF PRAYER, WE WERE MET BY A SLAVE GIRL WHO HAD A SPIRIT OF DIVINATION AND BROUGHT HER OWNERS MUCH GAIN BY SOOTHSAYING. 17 SHE FOLLOWED PAUL AND US, CRYING, "THESE MEN ARE SERVANTS OF THE MOST HIGH GOD, WHO PROCLAIM TO YOU THE WAY OF SALVATION." 18 AND THIS SHE DID FOR MANY DAYS. BUT PAUL WAS ANNOYED, AND TURNED AND SAID TO THE SPIRIT, "I CHARGE YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST TO COME OUT OF HER." AND IT CAME OUT THAT VERY HOUR.

19 BUT WHEN HER OWNERS SAW THAT THEIR HOPE OF GAIN WAS GONE, THEY SEIZED PAUL AND SILAS AND DRAGGED THEM INTO THE MARKET PLACE BEFORE THE RULERS; 20 AND WHEN THEY HAD BROUGHT THEM TO THE MAGISTRATES THEY SAID, "THESE MEN ARE JEWS AND THEY ARE DISTURBING OUR CITY. 21 THEY ADVOCATE CUSTOMS WHICH IT IS NOT LAWFUL FOR US ROMANS TO ACCEPT OR PRACTICE." 22 THE CROWD JOINED IN ATTACKING THEM; AND THE MAGISTRATES TORE THE GARMENTS OFF THEM AND GAVE ORDERS TO BEAT THEM WITH RODS. 23 AND WHEN THEY HAD INFLICTED MANY BLOWS UPON THEM, THEY THREW THEM INTO PRISON, CHARGING THE JAILER TO KEEP THEM SAFELY. 24 HAVING RECEIVED THIS CHARGE, HE PUT THEM INTO THE INNER PRISON AND FASTENED THEIR FEET IN THE STOCKS.

25 BUT ABOUT MIDNIGHT PAUL AND SILAS WERE PRAYING AND SINGING HYMNS TO GOD, AND THE PRISONERS WERE LISTENING TO THEM, 26 AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE, SO THAT THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE PRISON WERE SHAKEN; AND IMMEDIATELY ALL THE DOORS WERE OPENED AND EVERY ONE'S FETTERS WERE UNFASTENED. 27 WHEN THE JAILER WOKE AND SAW THAT THE PRISON DOORS WERE OPEN, HE DREW HIS SWORD AND WAS ABOUT TO KILL HIMSELF, SUPPOSING THAT THE PRISONERS HAD ESCAPED. 28 BUT PAUL CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE, "DO NOT HARM YOURSELF, FOR WE ARE ALL HERE." 29 AND HE CALLED FOR LIGHTS AND RUSHED IN, AND TREMBLING WITH FEAR HE FELL DOWN BEFORE PAUL AND SILAS, 30 AND BROUGHT THEM OUT AND SAID, "MEN, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" 31 AND THEY SAID, "BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS, AND YOU WILL BE SAVED, YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD." 32 AND THEY SPOKE THE WORD OF THE LORD TO HIM AND TO ALL THAT WERE IN HIS HOUSE. 33 AND HE TOOK THEM THE SAME HOUR OF THE NIGHT, AND WASHED THEIR WOUNDS, AND HE WAS BAPTIZED AT ONCE, WITH ALL HIS FAMILY. 34 THEN HE BROUGHT THEM UP INTO HIS HOUSE, AND SET FOOD BEFORE THEM; AND HE REJOICED WITH ALL HIS HOUSEHOLD THAT HE HAD BELIEVED IN GOD.

John 9: 1-38

Jesus Cures a Man Born Blind. As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but it happened so that the works of God might be revealed in him. We must do the works of him who sent me while it is still day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

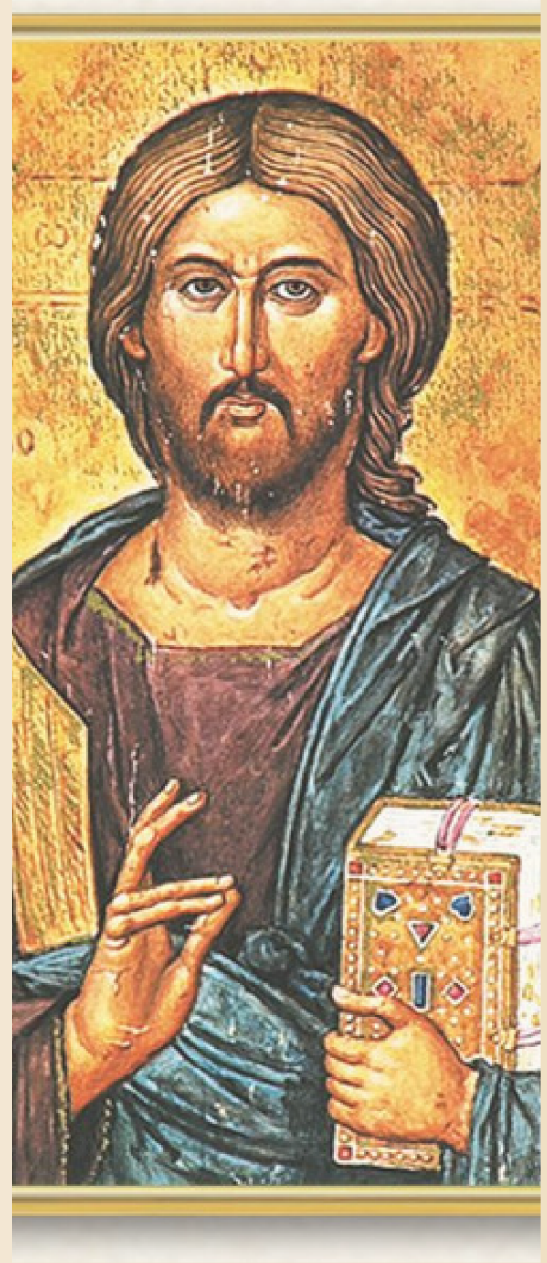
When he had said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the saliva, and smeared the paste on the eyes of the blind man. Then he said to him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam." (The name means "Sent.") The man went forth and washed, and he returned seeing.

That Man Is a Prophet. His neighbors and those who had seen him begging asked, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "Yes, this is the same man," but others insisted, "No. It simply is someone who looks like him." He said, "I am the man." Therefore, they asked him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made a paste and smeared it over my eyes. Then he said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I was able to see." They asked him, "Where is he?" He replied, "I do not know." They then brought the man who had formerly been blind to the Pharisees. Now it was on a Sabbath day that Jesus had made the paste and opened his eyes. The Pharisees also asked him how he had gained his sight. He said to them, "He put a paste on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I can see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man cannot be from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" Thus, they were divided in their opinions. And so they spoke again to the blind man, asking, "What do you have to say about him? It was your eyes that he opened." He replied, "He is a prophet." However, the Jews refused to believe that the man had been blind and had received his sight until they summoned the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son who you say was born blind? How then is he now able to see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our

son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how he is now able to see, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him. He is of age. He can speak for himself." His parents responded in this way because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that anyone who acknowledged Jesus to be the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. This is why his parents said, "He is of age. Ask him."

That Man Is from God. And so for a second time they summoned the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. But one thing I do know: I was blind, and now I am able to see." They then asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they began to taunt him, saying, "It is you who are his disciple. We are disciples of Moses. We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he is from." He answered, "That is what is so amazing. You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but that he does listen to anyone who is devout and obeys his will. "Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could not have been able to accomplish anything." They answered him, "You were born in sin and you would teach us?" Then they threw him out.

Do You Believe in the Son of Man? When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He replied, "Who is he, sir, so that I may believe in him?" "You have seen him," said Jesus, "and he is the one who is speaking to you." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he fell down in worship before him.



Caught you Listening

o **Gospel: John 9:1-38**

The man born blind found himself in the middle of an argument. The Pharisees didn't want to admit that Jesus was God! The now-seeing man used logic to try and help the blind eyes of the Pharisees. Did it work?

Match the beginning of the man's sentences with their correct endings and use your Bible to see if you got them right.

- You don't know where he comes from
- We know that God does not
- He listens to the godly person
- No one has ever heard
- If this man were not from God
- he could do nothing
- listen to sinners
- of opening the eyes of a man born blind
- yet he opened my eyes
- who does his will

Notes

Sunday Of The Man Born Blind Word Search Puzzle

Words run horizontally, vertically, diagonally & even backwards
Find words as fast as possible to win.



BLIND SINNED PRISON SABBATH WORSHIP NEIGHBORS CRYING
BAPTIZED HOUSE REJOICED

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Prayer before Communion

O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.

ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.

O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.

Prayer for Vocations

**O GOD, GREAT IN MIGHT AND INSCRUTABLE IN WISDOM, MARVELOUS IN COUNSEL ABOVE THE SONS OF MEN, FATHER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS: YOU THE SAME LORD, ENLIGHTEN WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CALL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD! GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO THEIR VOCATION, FOR YOU COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING! GIVE TO THE PARENTS THAT FAITH, LOVE AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE WHICH WILL INSPIRE THEM TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN TO YOUR SERVICE AND REJOICE WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN IS CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN A SPECIAL WAY OF PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION. WE IMPLORE YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOST PURE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY!
AMEN!**