

Greek Readings
Series A, Lent 4
John 9:1–41

• **Verses 1 – 5**

- Define τυφλὸν (v. 1) (BDAG 1021) _____ Parse ἐκ γενετῆς _____
 _____ How should this condition be understood? (cf. 9:20) _____
- Why would Jesus' disciples ask Him who sinned, the blind man or his parents? (v. 2) (Ex. 20:5) _____
- What part of speech is ἵνα? (v. 3) (Voelz II-200; III-183) _____ Parse φανερωθῇ _____
 How should the combination of ἵνα + subjunctive be translated? (Voelz II-197-198; III-180-181) _____
- Parse δεῖ (v. 4) _____ What is the theological significance of its usage in John's gospel? (3:7, 14; 4:24; 10:16; 12:34; 20:9) _____
- Define τὰ ἔργα (BDAG 390) _____ How does John understand τὰ ἔργα τοῦ πέμψαντός? (3:21; 4:34ff; 5:20,36; 6:29; 10:25-26) _____
- Define νῦν (BDAG 682) _____ What other events and people are connected with this word in John's Gospel? What theological bearing might it have? (3:2, 11:10, 21:3) _____
- What part of speech is ὅταν? (v. 5) (Voelz II-198; III-181) _____
 How should it be rendered here? _____
- What is the theological weight of the word φῶς in the Gospel of John? (v. 5) (1:4; 3:19-21; 8:12; 9:5; 11:9-10; 12:35-36, 46) _____

• **Verses 6 – 7**

- Parse and define ἔπτυσεν (v. 6) (BDAG 895) _____
- Parse and define ἐπέχρισεν (v. 6) (BDAG 387) _____ What uses does this word have both within and outside the NT? _____
- Parse ὕπαγε (v. 7) _____ This command to go and wash may well echo what OT account? (2 Kings 5:1-14) _____

• **Verses 8 – 12**

- What type of answer is expected by beginning the question with οὐχ? (v. 8) (Voelz II-281; III-261) _____
- What does the use of ὅτι indicate in v. 9? (Voelz II-177; III-161) _____
- Parse ἠνεώχθησαν (v. 10) _____ What type of passive is this to be understood as? _____
- What title does the healed man give Jesus in v. 11? _____
 What might this indicate about his understanding of Jesus at this point? _____
- Parse and define ἀνέβλεψα (v. 11) (BDAG 59) _____

• **Verse 13 – 17**

- What is the temporal context for this healing? (v. 14) _____
 What other healings had Jesus performed on the Sabbath? (5:1ff) _____
 _____ What controversies were caused because of this? (5:19-18, 7:23, 9:16) _____
- Has the healed man's story changed in this series of questionings? (v. 11, 15) _____

- How does the description οὐκ ἔστιν οὗτος παρὰ θεοῦ (v. 16) differ from the way Jesus has been described by some of the Pharisees before? (3:2) _____
How does this describe the progression of Jesus' reputation in the gospel of John? _____
- Define σημεῖα (v. 16) (BDAG 920) _____ What theological significance does this word have in John's gospel? (2:11, 18-19; 3:2; 4:48, 54; 6:2, 14, 26; 7:31; 10:41-42; 12:18, 37; 20:30-31; Ridderbos 113) _____
- Define σχίσμα (v. 16) (BDAG 981) _____
Has this happened before? (7:43) _____ What is the source of the division among the people in John's gospel? _____
- **Verses 18 – 23**
 - Parse ἐπίστευσαν (v. 18) _____ How does this reaction fit in with the rest of Jesus' signs in John's gospel? (2:11; 6:26; 7:31; 8:30; 10:42; 11:27; 12:18-19) _____
 - How does the testimony of the parents differ from the testimony of the healed man? (v. 20-21) _____
 - Define ἡλικίαν ἔχει (v. 21) (BDAG 436) _____
 - Parse ἐφοβοῦντο (v. 22) _____ How does the use of this word show the severity of the Jews' reaction to Jesus? _____
- **Verses 24 – 34**
 - Parse δός (v. 24) _____ What other times are people given this command? _____
What might this indicate about what the Jews believed about the healed man's testimony? (Josh. 7:19ff) _____
 - What is different about the healed man's testimony in this questioning? (v. 27) _____
 - Define ἐλοιδόρησαν (v. 28) (BDAG 602) _____
See the use of this word in Acts 23:4, 1 Cor. 4:12, and 1 Pet. 2:23. How does the use of this word along with the statement σὺ μαθητῆς εἶ ἐκείνου describe the life of Christians? _____
 - How does the Jews' testimony δὲ οὐκ οἶδαμεν ὅτι πόθεν ἐστίν (v. 29) regarding Jesus help show the healed man who Jesus is? (7:25-27; cf. ἀποσυνάγωγος, 9:22) _____
 - Parse ἐξέβαλον (v. 34) _____ What does this show about the healed man's belief about Jesus at this point in the account? (see v. 22) _____
- **Verses 35 – 38**
 - Parse εὐρὼν (v. 35) _____ Who initiates this final conversation? _____
 - What does the title υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου mean in John's gospel? (3:13; 5:27; 6:27, 62; 8:28; 12:23; 13:31; Ridderbos, 92-95) _____
 - The blind man has confessed Jesus as the Christ (see v. 22 and 34), but why does he ask who the Son of Man is? What would confessing Jesus as the Son of Man mean? (Dan. 7:13-14) _____
 - Parse ἐώρακας (v. 37) _____ Parse ὁ λαλῶν (v. 37) _____
 - Parse ἔφη (v. 38) _____
 - Define προσεκύνησεν (BDAG 882) _____ What is the significance of using this word at this point in the narrative? _____
- **Verses 39 – 41**

- Define κρίμα (v. 39) (BDAG 567) _____ What else does Jesus say about judgment in John's gospel? (3:17-18, 5:24) _____
- Parse οἱ μὴ βλέποντες (v. 39) _____ What OT fulfillment is seen in this? (Isa. 6:9-10) _____
- What answer do the Pharisees expect to their question beginning with μή? (v. 40) (Voelz II-281; III-261) _____
- Define ἁμαρτία (v. 41) (BDAG 50) _____ How is this translated in some English Bibles? (ESV, NIV) _____ How does Jesus turn the tables on the Pharisees at the end of this pericope? _____

Integration of Meaning

Describe how you would teach or preach the theology of the cross based on this text.