

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *9:2* It was a popular thought in the first century that suffering was a direct result of personal sin.
- 2) The truth is that suffering is ultimately the result of sin in general. While it is also true that specific illnesses sometimes may be the direct consequence of a specific sin (Numbers 12:10), the idea that a child is punished for the sins of the parents is foreign to Scripture (Deuteronomy 24:16).
- 3) *9:3* In the midst of seeming tragedy, God says there is purpose.
- 4) *9:6* The clay, an irritant, was also the agent pushing the man to obey.
- 5) *9:11* The man did not have much understanding, but he was faithful to the light he had.
- 6) *9:16* From the Pharisees' position, Jesus broke Sabbath Law; He did not violate Scripture, but extra-biblical, man-made laws.
- 7) *9:16* Some conceded the truth of the miracle, but implied it must have been done by the power of Satan. Others concluded the sign was so extraordinary that no one other than God could have done it.
- 8) *9:17* The man was beginning to discern the magnitude of what happened; his knowledge of Jesus was increasing.
- 9) *9:20-22* His parents evaded the last question because they feared being shunned. They clearly knew who healed their son; had they not known, they would have had no reason to be afraid.
- 10) *9:24* The Pharisees were warning the witness to take their side...or else!

11) *9:27* The man was beginning to grasp the depth of their hostility toward Jesus.

12) *9:34* True, he was born in sin (as all of us are); however, he would not die in sin.

13) *9:35* Jesus called the man to a personal commitment. In the face of rejection, he knew precisely what it cost to be a believer.

14) *9:38* Worship of Jesus replaced his previous desire to be accepted.

GREEK WORDS

Aposunagogos (ap-os-oon-ag'-o-go)—excommunicated, put under a ban- banishment -cut off from the life of Israel

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