Portraits
JESUS, *WHO ARE YOU?*

John 9

THE SABBATH DAY HEALING OF A BLIND BEGGAR

John 9:1 *As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him..."*

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CONFUSION AND CONFIRMATION REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF THE HEALED MAN

John 9:8 *The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."*

SIX ENSUING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE HEALED, THE HEALING, AND THE HEALER

Conversation #1 – The Man and His Neighbors

John 9:10 *So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"*

Conversation #2 – The Man and the Pharisees

John 9:15 *So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight...*

Conversation #3 – The Man's Parents and the Pharisees

John 9:18 *The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"*

Conversation #4 – The Man and the Pharisees, Round 2

John 9:24 *So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."*

Conversation #5 – Jesus and the Man

John 9:35 *Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.*

Conversation #6 – Jesus and the Pharisees

John 9:39 *Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."*

Insights from the story...

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