



Title | Who's to Blame?  
Series | NOW I SEE  
Text | John 9:1-12  
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# Sermon Notes

**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. **4** We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. **5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." **6** Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud **7** and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. **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." **10** So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" **11** He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." **12** They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." *ESV*

## Big Idea:

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## For Reflection & Application:

### Monday:

To what extent have you suffered something undeserved? How does it make you feel? Are you tempted to blame yourself, even when there is no apparent fault? Are you tempted to blame God for doing you wrong? How do you deal with it?

### Tuesday:

Read John 9:1-12. According to this passage, why was the man born blind? Why is it important to know there's a purpose?

### Wednesday:

Read Romans 5:12-21. According to this passage, how did sin and suffering come into the world? Do you think it's fair how we inherit sin and suffering? Also, how did righteousness and eternal life come into the world? Do you think it's fair how we receive righteousness and eternal life?

### Thursday:

Read John 20:30-31 in light of John 9:1-12. Think about all the ways that God used the man's blindness for his divine purposes. Then think about the extent to which the man born blind fully understood what God was doing through his suffering. Why is this important for us?

### Friday:

Specifically, how does the example of the man born blind in John 9:1-12 help us deal with our own suffering? How can you apply this today?

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