

Big idea: The answer to the question, who is Jesus, determines our eternal destiny. Jesus is God, he is Lord, he is Savior, and he died for our sins.

I. Wrapping up chapter 9...

A. Chapter 9 is an acted-out PARABLE

B. Chapter 9 is set in the context of the SABBATH

C. Chapter 9 is about controversy, questions and what you KNOW

II. The hopelessness of the stubbornly blind

A. The UNEXPECTED miracle

1. The MAN

2. The SEEKING Savior

B. The EXPECTED controversy vs. 18-41

1. The man and his NEIGHBORS vs. 8-12

2. The man and the PHARISEES - Round one vs. 13-17

3. The man's PARENTS and the Pharisees vs. 18-23

- What they KNOW

- Their SON

- They know he was born BLIND

- What they DON'T know

- HOW he sees

- WHO made him see

4. The man and the Pharisees ROUND TWO vs. 24-34

- A religious OATH – give glory to God v. 24

- A REVEALING exchange vs. 25-32
 - His TESTIMONY vs. 25
 - Their ADMITTANCE v. 26
 - Some SARCASM v. 27
 - Their DISDAIN vs. 28-29
 - Some more sarcasm and a lot more TRUTH vs. 30-33
- A CRUEL response v. 34
 - Born in SIN
 - EXCOMMUNICATED

5. JESUS and the man and the Pharisees vs. 35-41

- Still SEEKING vs. 35-37
- Fully BELIEVING v. 38
- More IRONY, more judgment vs. 39-41

III. What we take away...

Be thankful we have a loving, pursuing, seeking Savior! Be certain the only appropriate response is to worship.