



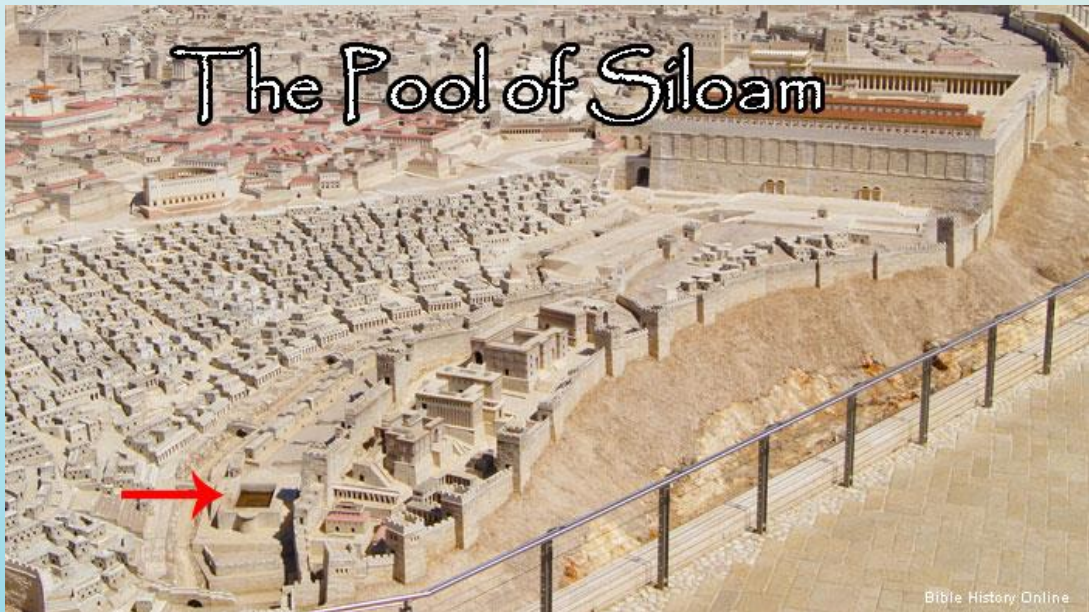
Knowing Christ

Eyes Opened

Healing at Siloam

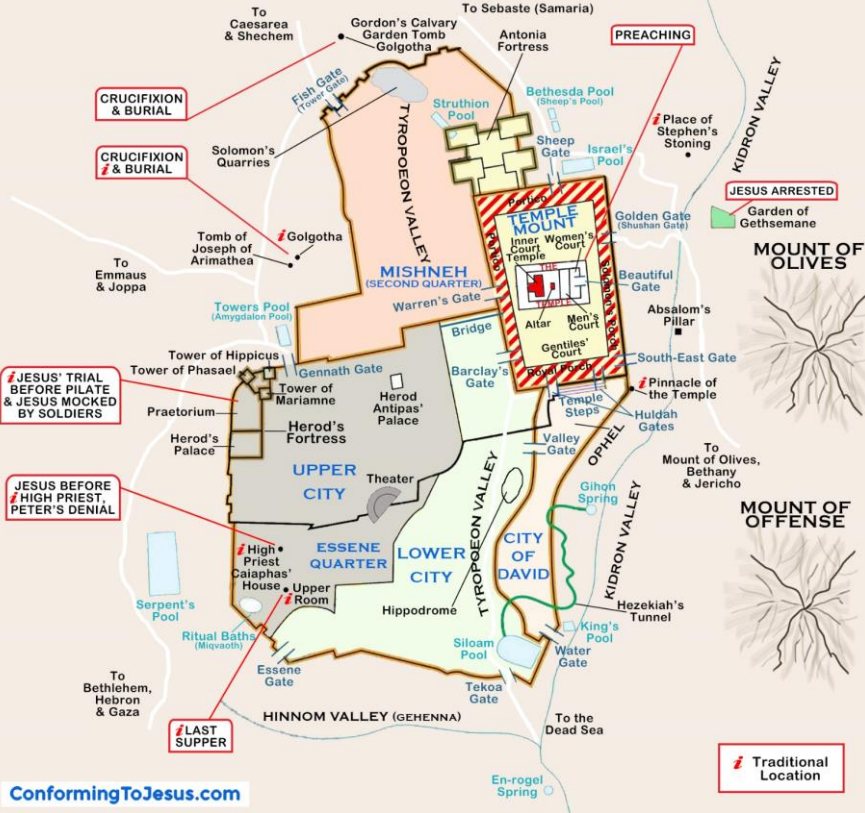
1. A theological question posed, 9:1-2.
2. An surprising answer given, 9:3-5.
3. A sign performed, 9:6-7.

➤ Lit. **John 2:11** This, the beginning of the signs [distinguishing marks], Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and revealed the glory of Him, and His disciples believed in Him.



- **NAS 2 Kings 20:20** Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and all his might, and how he made the pool and the conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS





1. The Theological Question

- ^{NAS} **John 9:1** And as He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?"
- ^{Lit} **John 8:59-9:1** ...but Jesus concealed Himself and went out of the temple and passing by He saw a man blind from birth.

Reasonable but Misguided Question

- Unborn child
 - ^{NIV} **John 9:34** To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth ..."
 - ^{NIV} **Psalm 51:5** Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
- Parents
 - ^{NIV} **Exodus 34:7** ...Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."
 - ^{ESV} **Ezekiel 18:20** The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

2. The Surprising Answer

- ^{NAS} **John 9:3** Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was in order that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ "We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work. ⁵ "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Liberating Light of the World

A. ^{NAS} **John 8:12** Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

B. ^{NAS} **John 8:36** "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

A'. ^{NAS} **John 9:5** "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

3. The Sign Performed

- ^{NAS} **John 9:6** When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam " (which is translated, Sent). And so he went away and washed, and came back seeing.
 - Verse 6 was to prompt the man's faith
 - Verse 7 was to test his faith

Clay of Spittle

- Rabbinic Opinion
 - the saliva of the firstborn of a father has healing properties, but not the saliva of the firstborn of a mother
- Shades of the Creation Account
 - ^{NAS} **Genesis 2:7** Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
- Reversal of a Taboo
 - ^{NAS} **Leviticus 15:8** 'Or if the man with the discharge spits on one who is clean, he too shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

Pool of Siloam

- NAS **John 9:7** and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam " (which is translated, Sent)...
- NAS **John 5:23** in order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. ²⁴ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.
 - Jesus, sent by the father 22 times so far

Liberating Light Sent from God

A. ^{NAS} **John 8:12** Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

B. ^{NAS} **John 8:29** "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

C. ^{NAS} **John 8:36** "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

B'. ^{NAS} **John 8:42** Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me; for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me."

A'. ^{NAS} **John 9:5** "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Applications

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 35:2** ... They will see the glory of the LORD, The majesty of our God. ³ Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. ⁴ Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. ⁶ Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the ... ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD will return, And come with joyful shouting to Zion, With everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.
- ^{NAS} **Malachi 4:2** "But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

Work the Works

- NAS **John 9:4** "We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day ...
- NAS **Philippians 2:12** So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for God is the working one in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Conclusions

Light of the World

- **NAS John 9:5** "While [whenever] I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
- **NAS Galatians 2:20** "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me."
- **ESV Colossians 1:27** "...God chose to make known how great ... are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."
- **NAS Matthew 18:20** "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."
- **NAS Revelation 22:1** "And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb...⁵ And there shall no longer be any night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever."

Working Lights

- ^{NAS} **Matthew 5:14** "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ "Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, that no one should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.