

# Behind Every How There's a Who:

## *Finding Jesus in Life's Irritations*

Last week, we started talking about John 9, where Jesus heals a man who had been blind from birth. Today, we're going to build on that—so if you took notes, don't panic! I'm not preaching the same message; I'm just highlighting some things before we dive into point three. Think of it as taxiing down the runway before takeoff!

John 9:1-14 is our text today. The title? **Behind Every How There's a Who.**

Now, I thought that was pretty clever. But let's be real—I got tangled up trying to say it earlier! So, let's move on before I make it worse!

## Miracles Are Divine Moments

A miracle is when God steps out from behind the curtain and reminds us He is **alive, loving, in control, on the throne, and more than sufficient** for every need. His miracles were His credentials, proving He was the Messiah Israel had been waiting for.

Jesus performs this miracle in response to a question from His disciples: *"Rabbi, who sinned—this man or his parents—that he was born blind?"*

If they had just stopped at *"Who sinned?"* Jesus could have answered, *"Well, everyone!"* Because we've all sinned. But they wanted an explanation. There had to be a reason. And isn't that just like us? When something bad happens, we want to know *why*.

But if you read through John 9, you'll notice something: **everyone in this chapter is blind except Jesus.**

## How People Saw the Man vs. How Jesus Saw Him

- **To the disciples**, this man wasn't someone to be helped; he was just a topic for theological debate.
- **To his neighbors**, he was just a beggar. A nuisance. Someone they saw every day but never really *saw*.

- **To the Pharisees**, he was a pawn—a tool to use against Jesus. They weren't interested in his healing. They were only interested in proving their own point.
- **But to Jesus?** He was simply **a man**. A person. Someone worth stopping for.

That's the difference. Jesus didn't see a topic, a nuisance, or a tool. **He saw a person.**

And here's the question: *How do we see people?* Do we see them like Jesus did? Or do we just walk on by, caught up in our own schedules and our own concerns, assuming we can't make a difference?

## Jesus' Response: Compassion in Action

Jesus doesn't stop to analyze or debate the situation—**He acts.**

Effective ministry is not about *discussing* problems. It's about *doing* something. When we are consumed with the compassion of Christ, we don't just talk about love—we show it. Agape love **responds**. It **acts**.

There's a story about a pastor who walked past a woman sitting outside a hospital, weeping. He actually walked *past* her, got outside, and then the Holy Spirit nudged him: "*Go back.*" So he did. He simply asked, "*Would you like me to pray for you?*"

She didn't know who he was, and he didn't need to explain himself. But in that moment, God worked. Maybe that woman told someone about it later. Maybe it changed her whole day—maybe her whole life. We'll never know—but **what we do know is that God moves when we are willing to act.**

The world is tired of just hearing about love. They need to **see** it. And Church, that's *our* job.

## The Miracle and the Message

Now, let's talk about how Jesus healed this man—because His methods were, well, unusual!

Sometimes, He healed by touching someone. Sometimes, by speaking. But here? He spits on the ground, makes some mud, and rubs it on the man's eyes.

Why? Because Jesus didn't want people to focus on *how* He did miracles, but *who* was behind them.

And that brings us to the heart of today's message:

## It's Not About the "How"—It's About the "Who"

Four times in this chapter, people ask, "*How were you healed?*" His neighbors ask. The Pharisees ask. The Pharisees even ask his parents! They keep demanding, "*How? How? How?*"

But they were asking the wrong question.

The man gives the only right answer: "*A man called Jesus.*"

The real question is never *how* a miracle happens. The real question is *who* is behind it.

We do this all the time—we want to understand the mechanics of a miracle before we accept one. We want to explain God before we trust Him. But **faith doesn't work that way.**

## What's Bugging You?

Let's wrap this up with one more thought.

Jesus told the man, "*Go wash in the Pool of Siloam.*" And he did—and **his eyes were opened.**

But here's something interesting: that mud Jesus put on his eyes? It was an *irritation*. It wasn't comfortable. It was annoying.

And sometimes, the things that irritate us the most—the things that bother us, that frustrate us, that we wish would just *go away*—are the very things God is using to push us closer to Him.

So let me ask you: **What's bugging you right now?** What's frustrating you? What's that one thing that keeps you up at night? That co-worker? That family situation? That challenge that just won't go away?

Maybe—just maybe—that thing is actually a blessing in disguise. Maybe it's a divine nudge, pushing you toward obedience, pushing you toward trusting God in a new way.

Instead of resenting it, maybe it's time to surrender it to God.

## Closing Prayer

Lord, open our eyes—not just to see, but to have a vision. Help us stop resenting the things that frustrate us and start seeing them as opportunities to draw closer to You. Take our irritations, our burdens, our frustrations, and use them for Your glory. We surrender them to You now. And Lord, as You open our eyes, give us the faith to trust not in the "how," but in the "who."

In Jesus' name, Amen.