

Title: Who Is Jesus - John 9:13-34

Read:

¹³⁻¹⁵They marched the man to the Pharisees. This day when Jesus made the paste and healed his blindness was the Sabbath. The Pharisees grilled him again on how he had come to see. He said, "He put a clay paste on my eyes, and I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "Obviously, this man can't be from God. He doesn't keep the Sabbath." Others countered, "How can a bad man do miraculous, God-revealing things like this?" There was a split in their ranks. ¹⁷They came back at the blind man, "You're the expert. He opened your eyes. What do you say about him?" He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸⁻¹⁹The Jews didn't believe it, didn't believe the man was blind to begin with. So they called the parents of the man now bright-eyed with sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, the one you say was born blind? So how is it that he now sees?" ²⁰⁻²³His parents said, "We know he is our son, and we know he was born blind. But we don't know how he came to see—haven't a clue about who opened his eyes. Why don't you ask him? He's a grown man and can speak for himself." (His parents were talking like this because they were intimidated by the Jewish leaders, who had already decided that anyone who took a stand that this was the Messiah would be kicked out of the meeting place. That's why his parents said, "Ask him. He's a grown man.") ²⁴They called the man back a second time—the man who had been blind—and told him, "Give credit to God. We know this man is an impostor." ²⁵He replied, "I know nothing about that one way or the other. But I know one thing for sure: I was blind . . . I now see." ²⁶They said, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷"I've told you over and over and you haven't listened. Why do you want to hear it again? Are you so eager to become his disciples?" ²⁸⁻²⁹With that they jumped all over him. "You might be a disciple of that man, but we're disciples of Moses. We know for sure that God spoke to Moses, but we have no idea where this man even comes from." ³⁰⁻³³The man replied, "This is amazing! You claim to know nothing about him, but the fact is, he opened my eyes! It's well known that God isn't at the beck and call of sinners, but listens carefully to anyone who lives in reverence and does his will. That someone opened the eyes of a man born blind has never been heard of—ever. If this man didn't come from God, he wouldn't be able to do anything." ³⁴They said, "You're nothing but dirt! How dare you take that tone with us!" Then they threw him out in the street.

Think:

Who is Jesus? These guys can't figure it out. Is he a prophet, is he a sinner? Is he a demon possessed mad man? Or is he the Son of God? Who do you say Jesus is? Who do your mates say Jesus is? Maybe to some of your mates, Jesus is a nice story with a rather gruesome ending. Maybe to some of the guys at school, Jesus is a good reason for presents and chocolate once a year. To some religions, Jesus is a cool dude who taught some good stuff. But who is he to you? You see that's what matters, your opinion. It's not who your parents think Jesus is, it's not who your youth leader thinks Jesus is, it's all about who you think Jesus is. When you get to stand in front of God, he won't say, "who did the guys at college say Jesus is?" He won't say "Who does your pastor say Jesus is?" God will want to know about your relationship with Jesus, he will want to know what you say. It's pretty clear from this passage, that even knowing all the right stuff, doesn't guarantee that you recognise Jesus as the Son of God. But you are more up together than some of those guys. You are not blinded by power, so who do you say Jesus is?

Pray:

Father we know that your Bible clearly says that Jesus is your Son, and our Saviour. Lord please speak to me through your Spirit, about who Jesus is to me. Amen.

Action:

You get to know who someone is by spending time with them. As you walk to college or school this week, or on the bus, or train, spend a little time with Jesus. In those quiet times, leave the earphones in, but turn the music off and just speak to your Saviour. Bye.