

The Paradox of Spiritual Blindness

The Sixth Sign

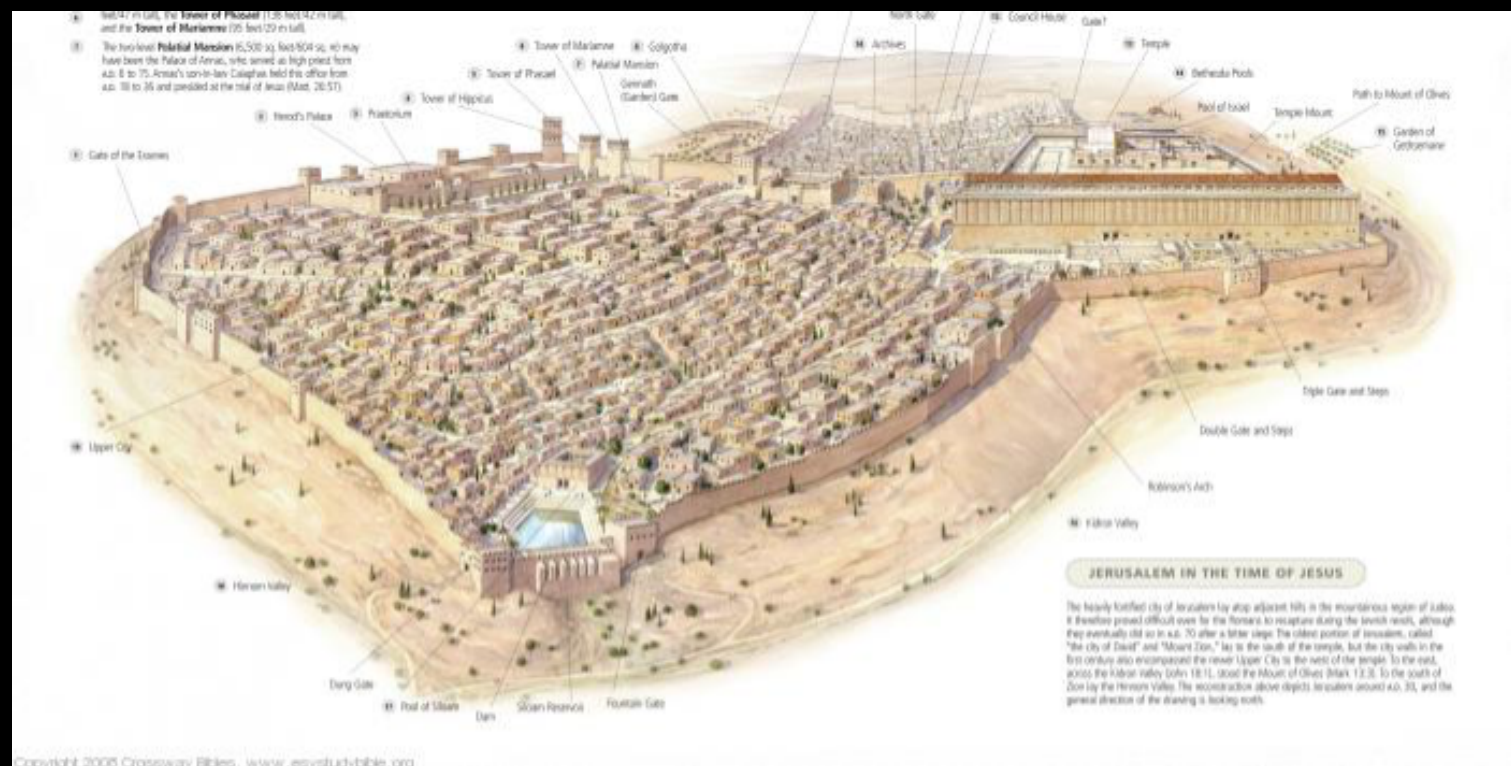
John 9

John 9:1-12

THE

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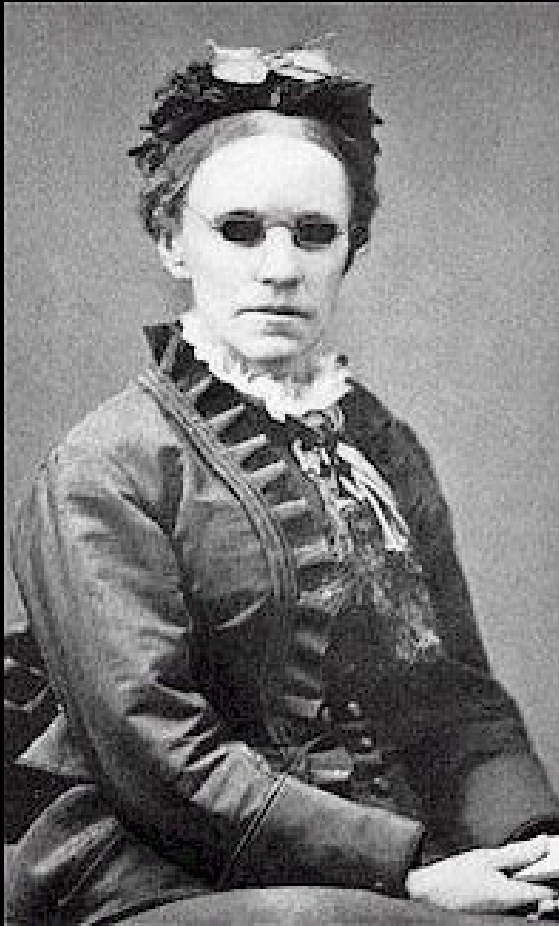
Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus

ESV Study Bible

John 9:1-12 Summary

As a sign that He is, in fact, the Light of the World, Jesus gave sight to a man blind from birth in order that 'the works of God might be displayed in him,' even though the neighbors seemed to miss the glory!

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)



Blessed Assurance
To God Be the Glory

John 9:13-23

THE

FIRST

QUESTIONING

John 9:13-23 Summary

Likely because of the nature of the miracle Jesus had performed on the Sabbath, the man was brought to the Pharisees. His testimony divided the Pharisees in their opinion about Jesus.

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They did not believe the man had been born blind, so they questioned the man's parents, who were afraid to say too much, but they did affirm he was their son and that he was born blind.

*Are we **afraid**
of the consequences
of sharing Gospel truth?*

John 9:24-34

THE

SECOND

QUESTIONING

John 9:24-34 Summary

When the formerly blind man was questioned a second time by the Pharisees, the facts and the logic of the man's statements were too much for the Jewish leaders, who had determined that Jesus was a sinner. So they put the man out of the synagogue.

John 9:24-34

THE

SEEING

BLINDED

John 9:35-41 Summary

Paradoxically, while the formerly blind man moved from spiritual blindness to sight through faith in the Messiah, the Pharisees moved from supposed spiritual sight into the judgment of spiritual blindness by rejecting Him.

Conclusion

Some see the miraculous signs of Jesus' identity as the divine Messiah and go from spiritual blindness to spiritual insight and salvation through faith in Him.

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Others, though seeing the same signs, reject the truth about Jesus, their sin remains, and they go from whatever spiritual sight they may have had into the self-inflicted judgment of spiritual blindness.

Applications

Does YOUR sin remain?

***All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;
But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all
To fall on Him.***

--Isaiah 53:6

*To God
Be the
Glory !*

