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# THE BOOK OF JOHN

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## Day One : Jesus is Not Keeping the Sabbath

**John 9:13-16** "They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them."

**COMMENTARY:** Jesus took the initiative in this miracle, and could have done it on any day He chose. Jesus chose to do this miracle on the Sabbath to challenge the petty traditions of the religious leaders. To the Pharisees, Jesus could not be from God because He did not line up with their traditions and prejudices. Instead of uniting everyone, Jesus often divided men. They were divided between those who accepted Him and trusted Him, and those who did not. In choosing, they took one of two sides regarding Jesus.

- *Jesus is a sinner and should be rejected.*
- *Our understanding and application of the Sabbath law is wrong.*

There was far more evidence for the second proposition than for the first, yet it seems that far more of them adopted the second position. They did this in spite of the evidence, not because of it.

## Day Two: Jesus is Excommunicated

**John 9:22-23** "His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

**COMMENTARY:** It is instinctive and normal for parents to protect their children, even when the children are adults. The parents were so frightened by the threat of excommunication that they did all they could to put the attention back upon their son and away from them. They emphatically turned the focus back upon their son.

## Questions:

1. When you find yourself drawing conclusions, what impacts you. Who influences your conclusions, what influences your conclusions?
2. What do you "KNOW" that you need to let Jesus challenge? How do you KNOW what you know?
3. In the sermon Pastor Troy mentioned having a relationship with Jesus allows him to draw your conclusions. What are some ways in 2021 that you can be better at having a deeper relationship with Jesus?



## Day Three: Jesus is Making Disciples

**John 9:26-27** "Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

**COMMENTARY:** The tone implies a harsh, intense interrogation. They demanded answers from this man who now could see. The man born blind showed a simple and profound wisdom in his back-and-forth with the esteemed and educated religious leaders. If they kept asking the same question, they would keep hearing the same answer. Intending to or not, the healed man mocked both their prejudiced rejection of Jesus and proclaimed himself to be a disciple of Jesus.