



# Context of John 9.1-41

- Feast of Booths (John 7.2 -10.21)
- Reminder to Israel of the Exodus: God's provision and God's presence
- Leading Israel to the covenant promise land
- Growing intensity in dialogue between Jesus and the Pharisees

# John 9.1-41 Structure

***A. Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man, who did not sin (1-7)***

B. Neighbors question the blind man (8-12)

C. Pharisees interrogate the blind man (13-17)

***D. Pharisees interrogate the parents of the blind man (18-23)***

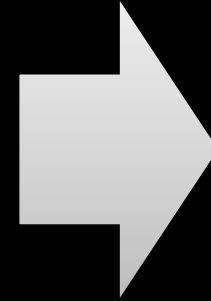
C' Pharisees interrogate the blind man again (24-34)

B' Blind man confesses Jesus as 'Lord' (35-38)

***A' Jesus blinds the eyes of the Pharisees, who are in sin (39-41)***

# *The Seven Signs in the Gospel of John*

- 1) Water turned to wine (John 2)
- 2) Child raised from deathbed (John 4)
- 3) Paralytic healed (John 5)
- 4) Feeding of the five thousand (John 6)
- 5) Jesus walks on water (John 6)
- 6) ***Blind man receives sight (John 9)***
- 7) Lazarus raised from the dead (John 11)



## *Theological reflections*

- Jesus is the Light of the world
- The healing of the blind man is a picture of our salvation
- Jesus, the Sent One, sends the man to be a faithful witness

## *Observations for Christians*

- Those who hate the Light will reject all reason, truth, and evidence
- Suffering for God's glory
- Jesus' presence in the midst of Jesus' absence

