

English Corner: Suggested Article of Discussion

1. Article 7 - 1: Heal a Man Born Blind

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind. Jesus said "While I am in the world, I am the light for the world." After he said this, Jesus spat (吐唾沫) on the ground and made some mud with the spittle; he rubbed (抹) the mud on the man's eyes and told him, "Go and wash your face in the Pool of Siloam (西罗亚)." So the man went, washed his face, and came back seeing. His neighbors, and the people who had seen him begging (乞讨) before this, asked, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" So the man himself said, "I am the man." "How is it that you can now see?" they asked him. He answered, "The man called Jesus made some mud, rubbed it on my eyes, and told me to go to Siloam and wash my face. So I went, and as soon as I washed, I could see." "Where is he?" they asked. "I don't know," he answered. Then they took to the Pharisees (犹太法利赛人) the man who had been blind. The day that Jesus made the mud and cured him of his blindness was a Sabbath (犹太安息日). The Pharisees asked the man again how he had received his sight. He told them, "He put some mud on my eyes; I washed my face, and now I can see." Some of the Pharisees said, "The man who did this cannot be from God, for he does not obey the Sabbath law." So the Pharisees asked the man once more, "You say he cured (医好) you of your blindness-well, what do you say about him?" "He is a prophet (先知)," the man answered.

The Jewish authorities (官方), however, were not willing to believe that he had been blind and could now see, until they called his parents and asked them, "Is this your son? You say that he was born blind; how is it, then, that he can now see?" His parents answered, "We know that he is our son, and we know that he was born blind. But we do not know how it is that he is now able to see, nor do we know who cured him of his blindness. Ask him; he is old enough, and he can answer for himself"

A second time they called back the man who had been born blind, and said to

him, "Promise (答立) before God that you will tell the truth! We know that this man who cured you is a sinner (罪人)." "I do not know if he is a sinner or not," the man replied. "One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see (我曾是瞎眼,能看见)."

When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man (人子)?" The man answered, "Tell me who he is, sir, so that I can believe in him!" Jesus said, "You have now seen him in fact; he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped (拜) him. --John 9:1-36

2. Discussion:

1. What was the miracle performed by Jesus in this article?
2. How does this miracle provide an illustration of Jesus' claim to be the light of the world?
3. Compare the attitudes of the Pharisees and the blind man.

3. Remember Seven Phrases a Week:

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| 260. They praised him highly. | 他们大大地表扬了他。 |
| 261. Winter is a cold season. | 冬天是个寒冷的季节。 |
| 262. You can call me any time. | 你可随时打电话给我。 |
| 263. 15 divided by 3 equals 5. | 15 除以 3 等于 5。 |
| 264. All for one, one for all. | 我为人人, 人人为我。 |
| 265. East, west, home is best. | 自己的草窝最好。 |
| 266. He grasped both my hands. | 他紧握住我的双手。 |