The Kangaroo “Kourt”

John 9:24-41

Introduction:

In the first part of Chapter 9, John told of the blind man whom Jesus had healed. He made some clay, put it on his eyes and told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. (Sent)

So, everybody rejoiced – right? Some said, “Isn’t this the blind man? Some said, “Yes.”

Others said, “No, he only looks like him. However, once you knew who it was, you could not deny that a miracle (which had never been seen before) had been performed. Who could doubt that the One Who had performed this miracle was a special person?

Wait! For the ungodly, there is always room for doubt. Verse 14 tells us that it was performed on the Sabbath Day. So Jesus was a sinner and no sinner can perform a miracle. There is no doubt that the man can see, so, was he ever blind? Who would know? His parents!

They said, “Yes, he is our son and yes he was born blind.” That’s all we know. So the Pharisees turn back to the (formerly) blind man.

I. The “Blind” Man Defends Jesus – 9:24-34

A. The Case for the Prosecution – 9:24-29

1. The Demand – 9:24

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“A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”

According to the Pharisees, if you call Jesus a sinner, you are giving glory to God.

“We know that this man is a sinner” Why? He healed on the Sabbath.

But the Sabbath law allowed deeds of mercy,

Matt. 12:11-12

“And He said to them, ‘What man ﻿﻿is there among you who ﻿﻿has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out? ﻿﻿How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do ﻿﻿good on the Sabbath.”

2. The Debate – 9:25-27

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“He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

That is a very tough argument.

“Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

He had already told them. He put mud on his eyes. Wait, that’s work! The Pharisees will jump on that again. So, he does not give them a chance.

“He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?”

Most commentators see this statement as sarcasm. Could be, but he could be thinking,

“I am so glad that I found this teacher, I suppose that they want to be his disciples too.

3. The Derision – 9:28-29

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﻿“Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.”

Lie #1 - They were not following Moses. God told Moses that “the prophet” would come.

Deut. 18:18

“I will raise up a prophet from among their ﻿﻿countrymen like you, and ﻿﻿I will put My words in his mouth, and ﻿﻿he shall speak to them all that I command him.”

Even the “woman at the well” knew that. (John 4)

Lie #2 - They did know where Jesus came from.

The birth records were in the temple. Don’t you think that they looked Him up a long time ago? He was born in Bethlehem. That’s where Messiah is predicted to be born (Micah 5:2)

B. The Case for the Defense – 9:30-34

1. The Inspired Logic of the Man – 9:30-33

a. His Astonishment – 9:30

“The man answered, ‘Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.”

Wouldn’t He come to see you leaders first? When did any of you open someone’s eyes?

b. His Assessment – 9:31

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“We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will.”

But God listened to this man!

c. His Assurance – 9:32-33

1). His unique case – 9:32

“Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.”

2). His unquestionable conclusion – 9:33

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“If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

Yet He has performed a miracle that no man has ever seen He is from God and you are not!

C. The Hateful Language of the Judges – 9:34

1. What they Called Him – 9:34a

“You were born altogether in sin at birth;”

Everyone in born in sin. Even King David was a sinner at birth.

Psalm 51

“Behold, I was ﻿﻿brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”

But, “altogether” in sin would seem to indite that he was more of a sinner than they were at birth. By sinning more? At birth?

2. Why they Cursed Him – 9:34b

“how dare you lecture us!”

3. Where they Cast Him – 9:34c

“And they threw him out.”

II. Jesus Defends the Blind Man – 9:35-41

A. How Jesus Cleared His Client – 9:35-38

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1. He discerned his need – 9:35

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

2. He declared the Gospel – 9:36-37

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“Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

3. He Delivered his Soul – 9:38

Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

B. How Jesus Uncovered His Critics – 9:39-41

1. A Great Division – 9:39

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Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the {those who are now} blind will see and those who {now} see will become blind.”

2. A Great Delusion – 9:40-41

Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?” Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

Conclusion: