

SERMON: A MUD MIRACLE

John 9: 6-7

(6) When He had thus spoken, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. (7) And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

Introduction

Jesus and his disciples passed through the streets of Jerusalem and they came upon a blind beggar sitting by the wayside. This man had been blind since birth. He had never seen the faces of his parents; he had never seen a sunset or a rainbow. He had never seen the beauty of a rose or the blue of the sky. Jesus had compassion on the man and gave him his sight. Jesus performed a “mud miracle.” Jesus is still performing mud miracles. Do you need one?

Exposition

1. The Plight Of The Man.

(He Was Born Blind-Born With A Disadvantage.)
 (Sight Is The Dominant Sense.)
 (80% Of Perception Comes From Sight.)
 (It's The Only Sense We Correct To A Standard-20/20.)
 (His Only Recourse Was To Be A Beggar.)

2. The Path Of The Savior.

(Jesus Was Passing By.)
 (Jesus Had Compassion.)
 (The Man Did Not Come To Jesus-
 Jesus Came To The Man.)

3. The Paradoxical Remedy.

(Spit And Dirt-Irritants.)
 (Sometimes Things Have To Get Worse Before
 They Get Better.)

4. A Peculiar Command.

(Go Wash In The Pool Of Siloam.)
 (This Was Also A Precise Command.)

(Of The Several Pools In Jerusalem This Pool Was The Farthest From The Man-A Long Walk For A Blind Man.)
 (We Have To Participate In Our Healing.)
 (Personal Responsibility Is Required.)

5. A Perfect Healing.

(Obedience Is The Key.)
 ("I Can See Clearly Now.")

6. Persistent, Paranoid Critics.

(It Occurred On The Sabbath-A "No-no" For Legalists.)
 (A Malicious Investigation.)
 (When You Can't Deny, You Discredit.)

7. A Powerful Testimony.

(He Did Not Change His Story.)
 ("That's My Story And I'm Sticking To It.")

Closing Thoughts

Common elements take on special attributes when Jesus takes control of them. Dirt becomes divine in the Savior's hands. Everything He touches becomes a testimony. Everything about Jesus is special-even his spit is special. When God takes seemingly repulsive, common things and bring about deliverance- that's a mud miracle. Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory.

Related Scripture:

John 9:1-41

End Notes:

1. The pool of Siloam which means "sent," is located at the southeast corner of Jerusalem. It is where Hezekiah's tunnel channeled water inside the city walls from the Gihon Spring. The water was "sent" or piped from the spring to the city. It is a clever play on words. The man was "sent" there and Jesus was the one "sent" by the Father.
2. Look at the hypocrisy. The same Pharisees, who had a problem with Jesus healing a man on the Sabbath, picked up stones to kill Him on the Sabbath. See John 8:59. According to their warped interpretation of the fourth commandment, you could not pick up anything bigger or heavier than an olive. These must have been some very small stones. Hmmm.

3. My, how times flies when you are having fun. I preached from this same text in May of 2006 and again in June of 2018. To use Spurgeon's words, "It's the same soup warmed over and we dare not change the recipe."

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