

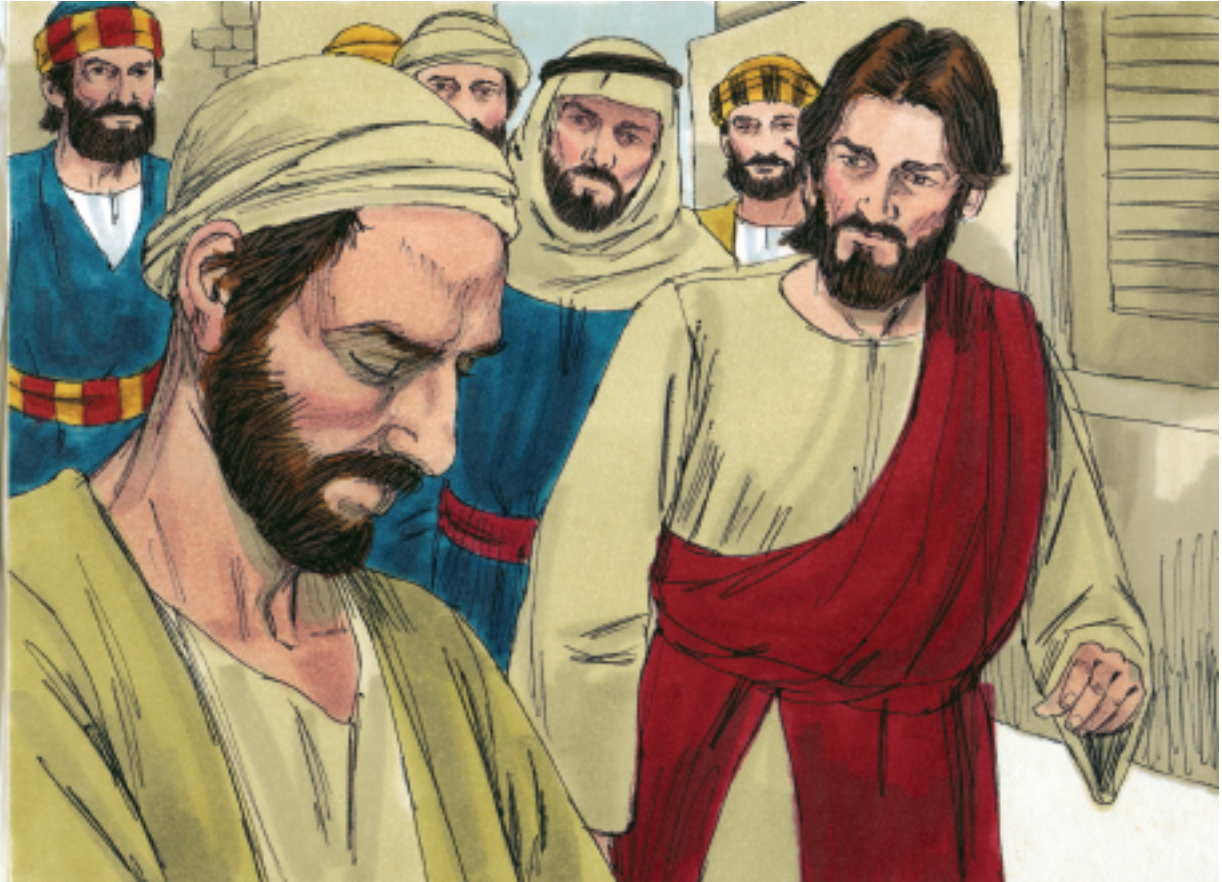
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A 21 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN
PREPARING HEARTS FOR EASTER

DAY 9:

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

John 9:1-39



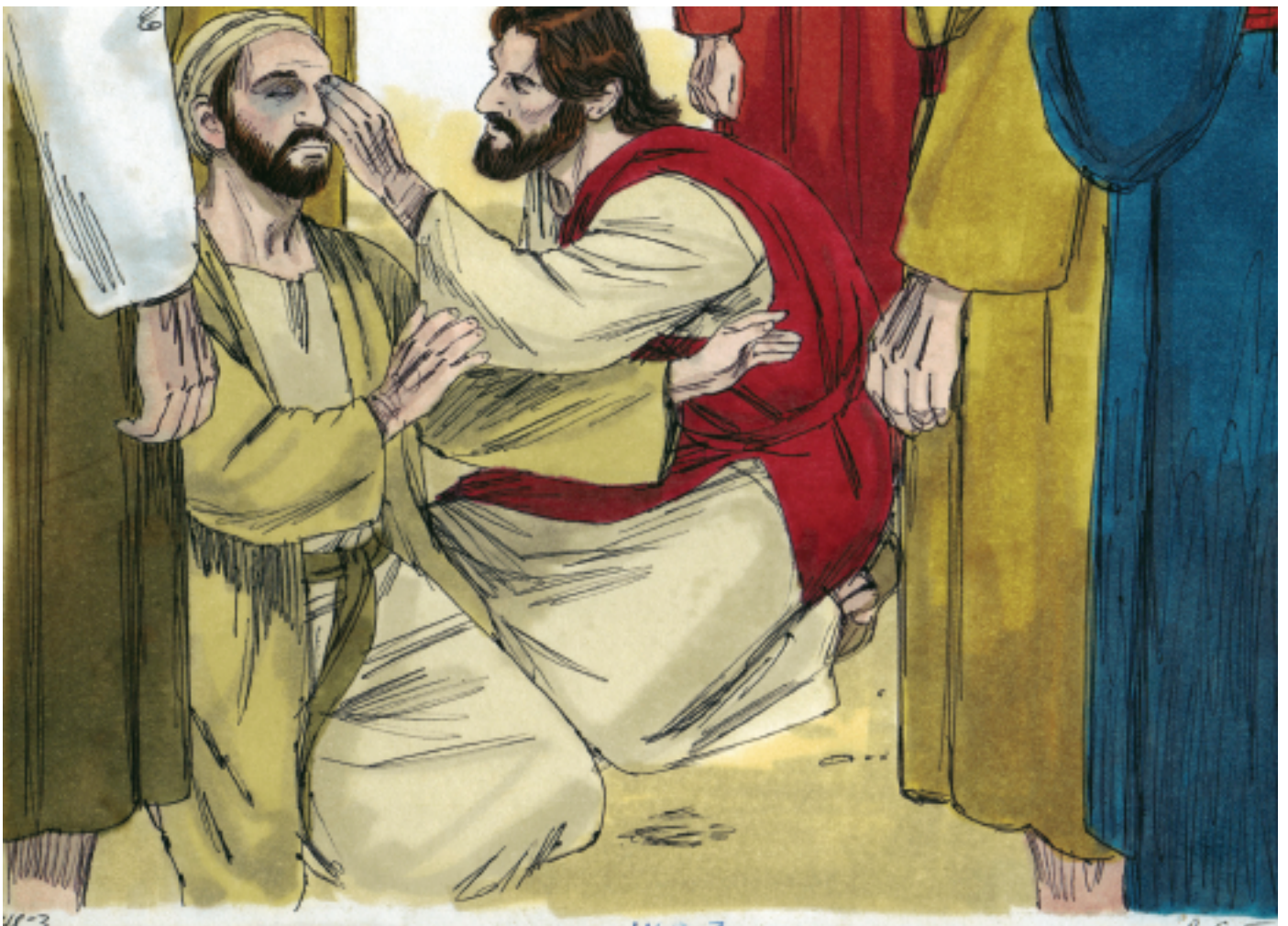
One day Jesus saw a man who was blind. The man had been blind his entire life – since he was born! Jesus’s disciples asked him, “Teacher, why was this man born blind? Did he sin, and blindness was his punishment? Or did his parents sin and then God punished them by making his baby born blind?”

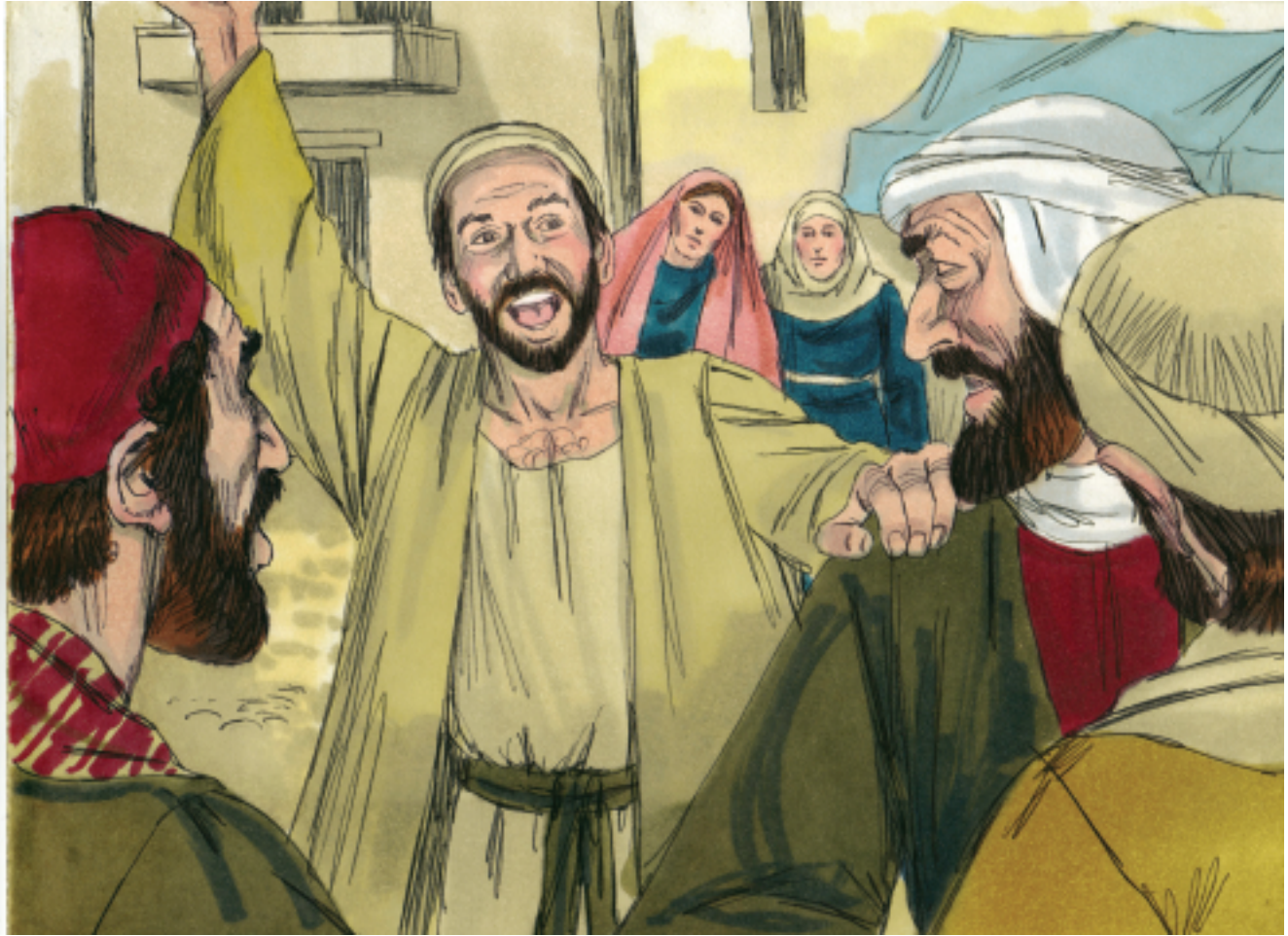
“No, that’s not how it works,” Jesus explained. “Neither this man or his parents are getting punished by his blindness. This man was born blind so that others could see God work in his life.”

After saying this, he spit on the ground and made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.

“Go,” Jesus told the man, “wash in the pool over there.”

So the man went and washed, and then went home seeing!





His neighbors and others who had seen him begging before asked each other, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?”

Some of them said, “It is the same man!”

Other said, “No, it couldn’t be! Maybe it just looks like him.”

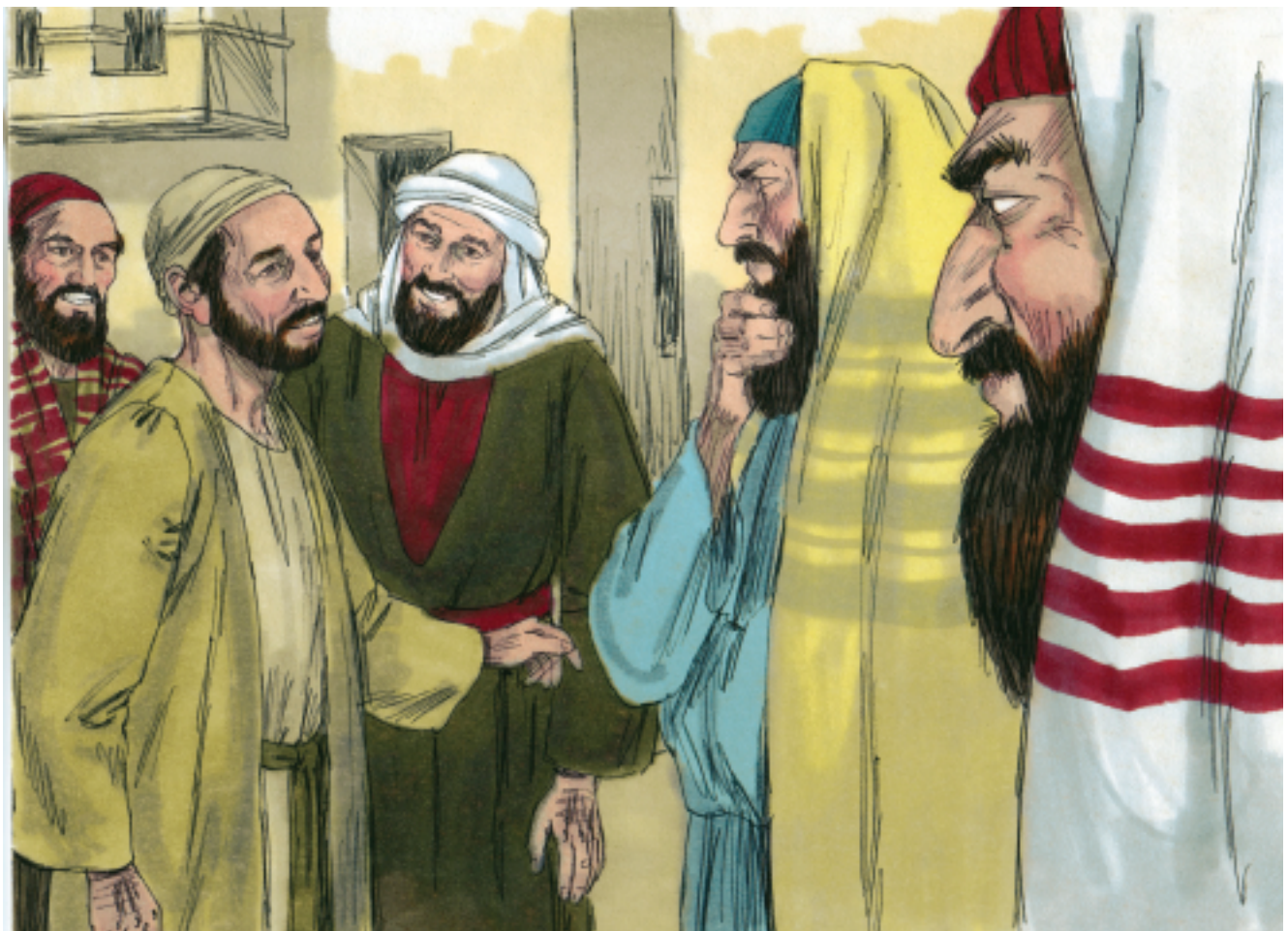
But the man himself said, “No it’s me! I am the man. I used to be blind but now I can see!”

“How did this happen? How can you see?”
they asked him.

He replied, “The man they call Jesus made
some mud and put it on my eyes. Then he told
me to go into the pool and wash. So I went
and washed, and then I could see!”

“Where is this Jesus?” they asked him.

“I don’t know,” he said.





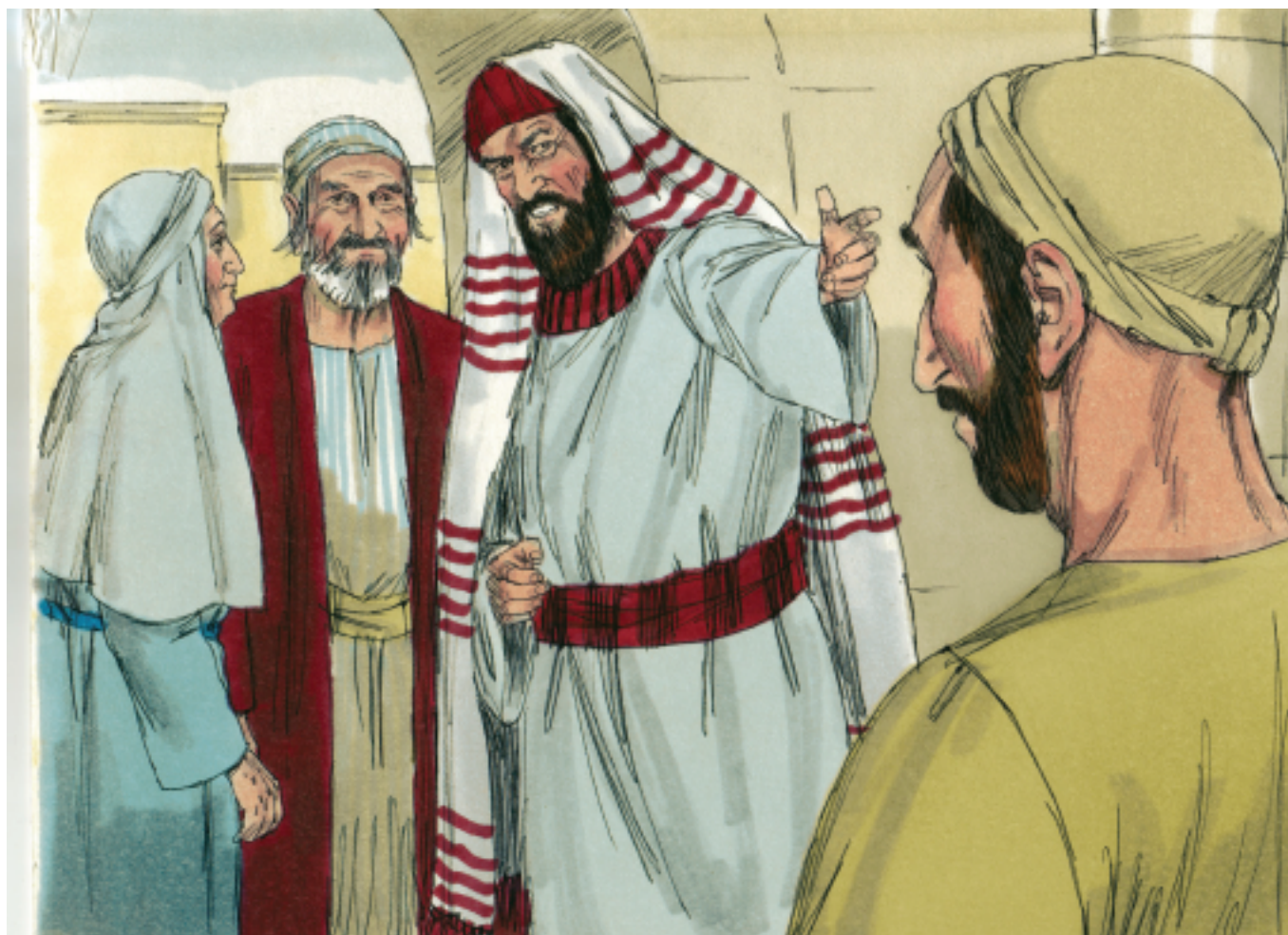
They brought the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. Now, the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight.

“He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

But other Pharisees asked, “If he isn’t from God, how did he perform the miracle? How did he make the man see?”

So the Pharisees were divided. So they turned again to the blind man and asked, “What do you think? What kind of man is he? You’re the one who he healed.”

The man replied, “I think he is a prophet from God.”





But some of the Pharisees still did not believe. So they found the man's parents. They asked them, "Is this your son? Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

"We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age, let him speak for himself."

So the Pharisees again turned to the man. “Give glory to God and tell the truth!” they said. “We know that Jesus is a sinner!”

He replied, “I don’t know if Jesus is a sinner or not. There is one thing I do know. I once was blind, but now I see.”

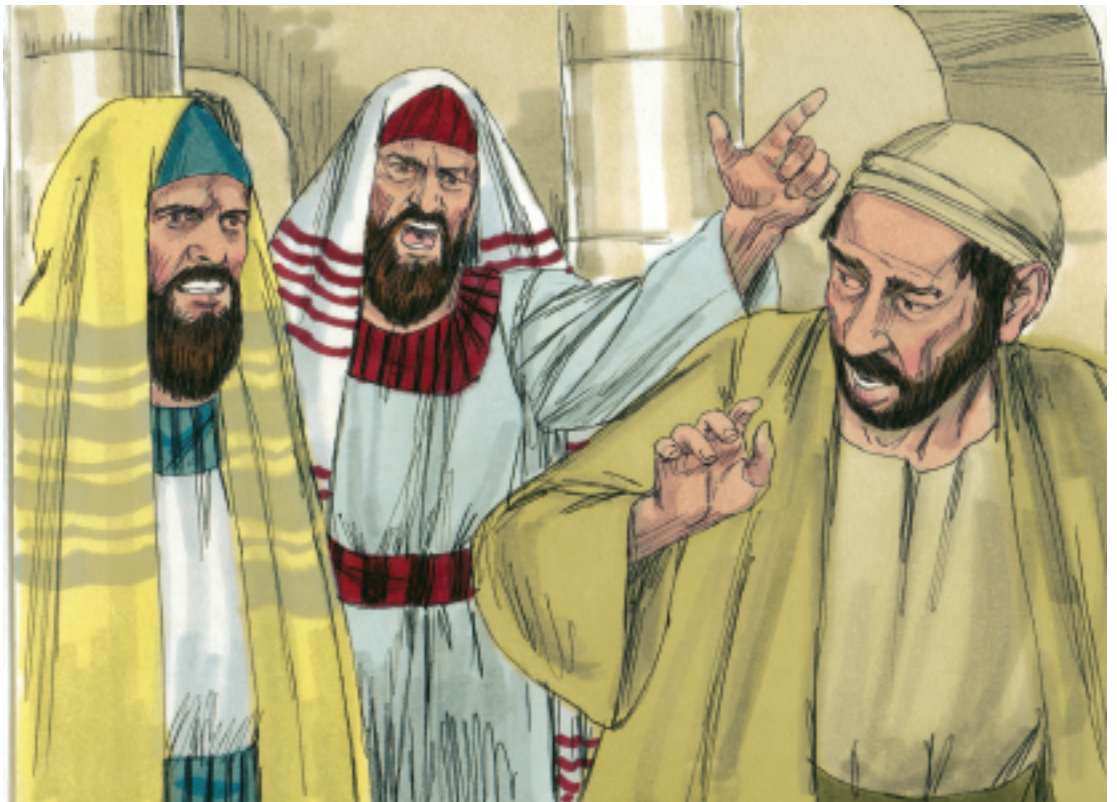
Then the Pharisees asked him again, “Wait, what did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?”

He answered, “I have told you already! Are you not listening to me? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you believe in Jesus? Do you want to be his disciples too?”



This made the Pharisees furious. They hurled insults at him and said, “YOU are Jesus’s disciple! WE are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from!”

The man answered, “Now that is interesting! You don’t know where Jesus comes from, but he is the one that healed my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. Nobody ever heard of healing people who were born blind. If Jesus isn’t from God, how did he heal my eyes?”



To this they replied, “You are a sinner. You can’t tell us what to do!” and they threw him out of the temple.



Jesus heard that they had thrown the man out of the temple, and when he found him, he asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

“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 who is talking to you right now.”



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

What do you believe?