

The Gospel According to St. John: Chapter IX Dramatized

Personae:

A disciple (D)
Jesus (J)
A beggar, blind (BB)
Bystanders (B-1, B-2)
Pharisees (P-1, P-2, etc.)
Parents (F,M)

Place: Jerusalem

Time: Autumn, 29 C.E.

Scene 1

Disciple: Teacher, do you see that blind beggar over there? Do you think it was his sin or that of his parents that caused ~~his~~ blindness?
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Jesus: Only the ignorant or the superstitious believe that all human suffering is caused by sin. This man is here so that the power and glory of God can be revealed.

We are doing God's work, or as Isaiah said:

"I will make you the light of the nations,
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth".

(Jesus prepares paste, applies it to the man's eyes and says:)

Go and wash your eyes in the pool of Siloam.

Scene 2 (Later, the same day)

Bystander-1: Isn't that the blind beggar?

B-2: Nah, can't be; this fella can see.

Blind Beggar: Yo! I am the man.

B-1: How is it possible that you can see?

BB: The man called Jesus made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went and when I washed I could see.

B-2: Where is he?

BB: I don't know.

Scene 3 (They take him to the Pharisees, at the temple)

Pharisee 1: How did you gain your sight?

BB: Jesus came to me last Saturday.

He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed and I can see.

P-2: This man can't be from God; he does not keep the Sabbath.

P-1: How could a sinner produce signs like this?

P-2: (to the BB) What do you think about him, now that he has opened your eyes?