

# PCOM SERMON NOTES

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**Sermon Series:** Close Encounters: Jesus in the Gospels

**Scripture:** John 9:1-41

## Sermon Notes:

1. Who asked the question of the man born blind?

The \_\_\_\_\_.

2. What is Jesus' response?

That the \_\_\_\_\_ might be \_\_\_\_\_.

3. How is the man healed?

With \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and washing at the \_\_\_\_\_.

Theodicy is questioning the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

4. Why are the Pharisees divided?

The Pharisees were divided because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Why are his parents afraid?

They were afraid of being \_\_\_\_\_.

6. What is the man's (humorous) response?

He diffuses the situation with \_\_\_\_\_.

7. What does Jesus call himself?

Jesus calls himself the \_\_\_\_\_.

8. How does the Man respond?

The man \_\_\_\_\_ him.

9. What is the problem with the Pharisees?

The \_\_\_\_\_ they can \_\_\_\_\_.

\*\*Questions for discussion on the other side\*\*

Have you had a situation in which you questioned the justice of God? How might our Crucified Lord be an answer to that?

Have you ever been “put out” of a religious body? Or feared it? How was it resolved? What might we learn from the man’s example?

Is there a situation in your life when you “thought” you could see, but discovered you were “blind”?

What other questions does the text raise and how might you find those answers (the pastors and Dan are always happy to help with this!)

Next week’s Scripture: John 11:17-46 with Courtney Ellis