1 And as [Jesus] was going along, he saw a person who was blind from birth. 2 And his students asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he might be born blind? Was it this one or his parents?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this one nor his parents sinned. Rather so that the works of God might be made visible by means of him." 4 "It is necessary for us to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. The night is coming when no one is able to work." 5 "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud from the spit and anointed his eyes with the mud. 7 And he said to him, "Go, bathe in the pool of Siloam (which is translated "the one being sent out"). Thus, he went out and bathed... and he came to see. 8 Now the neighbors and the ones observing him formerly, when he was a begger, were saying, "Is not this the one who was sitting and begging?" Some were saying, "This is the one!" Others were saying, "No, but he is like him." That one, he was saying, "I am!" Now they were saying to him, "How were your eyes opened?" That one answered, "The person called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go out into Siloam and bathe.' Thus, I went out and bathed and received sight.' 12 And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." 13 They led the one formerly blind to the Pharisees. And it was during the day on the Sabbath when Jesus made mud and opened his eyes. Now the Pharisees also asked him how he received sight. And he said to them, "He placed mud on my eyes and I bathed and I see." Now some of the Pharisees were saying, "This person is not from God, for he did not keep the Sabbath." Others were saying, "How could a sinful person do these signs?" And there was division among them. 17 Then they were saying to the blind person again, "What do you say about him, since he opened your eyes?" And he said, "That he is a prophet." 18 Now the Judeans did not believe that he was blind and received sight, therefore they called the parents of the one who received sight, 19 And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, the one you say was born blind? How then does he see now?" His parents answered and they said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. How he now sees we do not know, or what opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him, he is of age. He will tell you about himself." 22 His parents said this because they feared the Judeans. For the Judeans already agreed that if anyone praised Christ, he would be out of the synagogue. 23 On account of this, his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." 24 So they called the person who was blind out a second time and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this person is sinful." 25 Now that one answered, "I don't know if he is sinful. I know one thing - I was blind, and now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? It can't be that you also want to become his students, can 28 And they scoffed at him and said, "You are a student of that one. We are students of Moses. 29 We know that God spoke to Moses, we do not know where this one is from." The person answered and said to them, "Well, this is a wonder! You don't know where he is from, and he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he listens to those who are pious or do his will. 32 In all the ages, it has not been heard that the eyes of one born blind were opened. If this one were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.' They answered and said to him, "You were born completely in sin, and you are teaching us?" And they threw him out. Jesus heard that they threw him out. Having found him, 35a 35b he said, "Do you believe in the human one?" 36 That one answered and said, "And who is he, sir, so that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is that one." And he replied, "Sir!" And he bowed down before him. And Jesus said to him, "Because of judgment I came into this world, so that the ones not seeing might see, and the seeing might become blind." Some of the Pharisees, the ones being with him, heard, and said to him, "Surely we are not blind." Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin, but now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." © 2014 Michael Patrick Ellard