

Man Born Blind Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable

What do you think is the number one lesson of this account?

Is it about suffering or about God?

Do you know anyone who is blind? Born blind?

What have you learned from them?

How do we tend to treat people with disability?

What are some of the unhelpful attitudes?

Do we often forget they are people?

Is it possible instead to focus on abilities instead of disabilities?

Why do we seem to want to assign blame for a tragedy?

Is the basic error like that of Job's friends?

How was "the work of God displayed in his life?"

Can you imagine seeing light for the first time?

Is it incredible that some people, like the Pharisees, were upset and angry about the healing?

Have you ever been involved in a situation like that where good is condemned as evil?

Did it take courage for the formerly blind man to speak back to the religious leaders?

Does it sound like this man was well educated and thoughtful?

Why would that surprise you?

Having talked with Jesus again after the healing, describe what we can see happening to his spiritual and mental state.

Do you agree that he was going to be a powerful witness for Jesus?