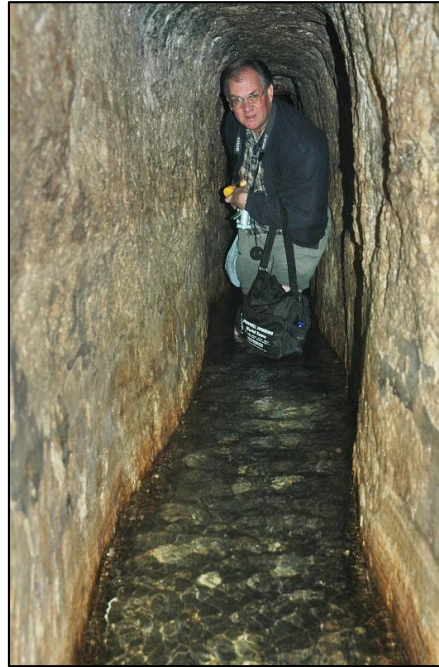
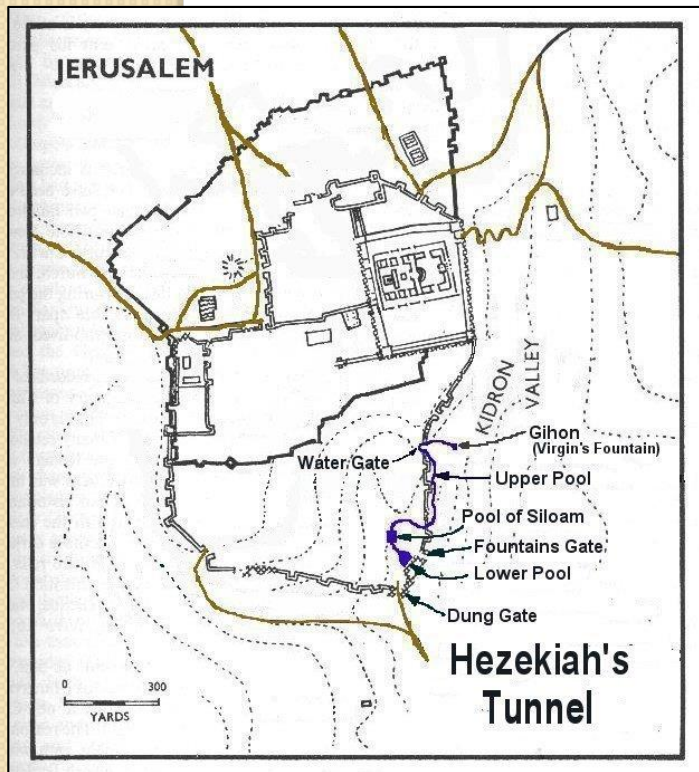
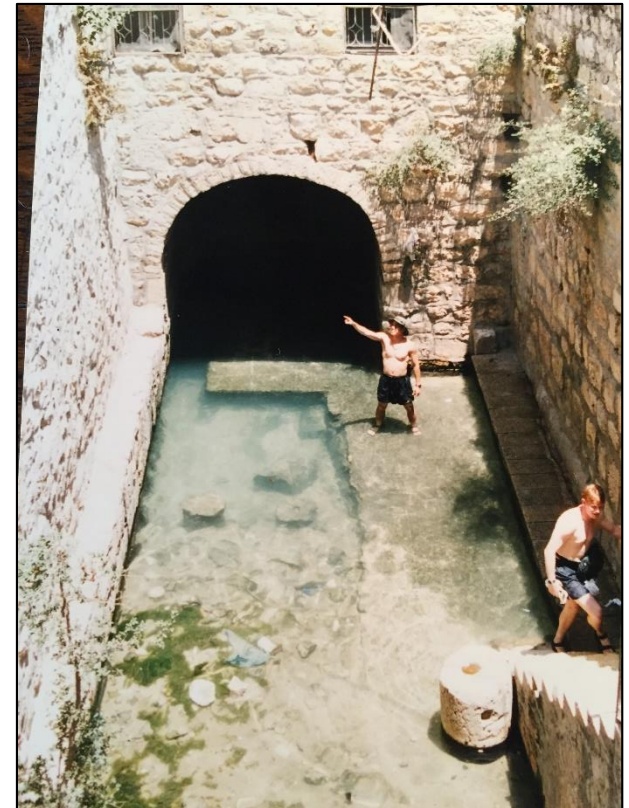


Chapter 8 & 9 – The Feast of Tabernacles Concluded



Hezekiah's Tunnel in Jerusalem - Dug ~7th c BC by King Hezekiah to Defend Against Assyrians



Exit to Hezekiah's Tunnel at the Pool of Siloam
from John Ch. 9 - 1995

Overview

Jn 8:12 – 59: Light vs Darkness

- Repeat of the debate from Ch. 5 & 7
- Jesus challenges religious and cultural assumptions

Jn 9:1 – 41: Sight vs Blindness – An Example

- Gift of physical sight mirrored with spiritual sight
- Indictment of Pharisees for spiritual arrogance and blindness



Light vs Darkness

Read John 8: 1 - 30

- Jesus refers to “judging by human standards” in v. 15 (*literally “according to the flesh”*). What does that look like?
- How do we make sure our decisions reflect Jesus’ standards instead of being “according to the flesh”?
- What contrasts does Jesus make between himself and the crowd in this passage (vv. 21-30)?
- What is their reaction (vv. 27, 30)?

Light vs Darkness

Read John 8: 31 - 59

- Who is Jesus talking to here (v.31)?
- How would you describe their reaction to Jesus' statements in v. 32? Why do they react this way?
- Who does Jesus say their father is?
- What is the final insult that causes them to pick up rocks (v.58)?

MISHNAH (ORAL TRADITION)

TORAH (MOSAIC LAW)

An Example of Jesus Curing Blindness (Physical and Spiritual)

Read John 9:1 - 34

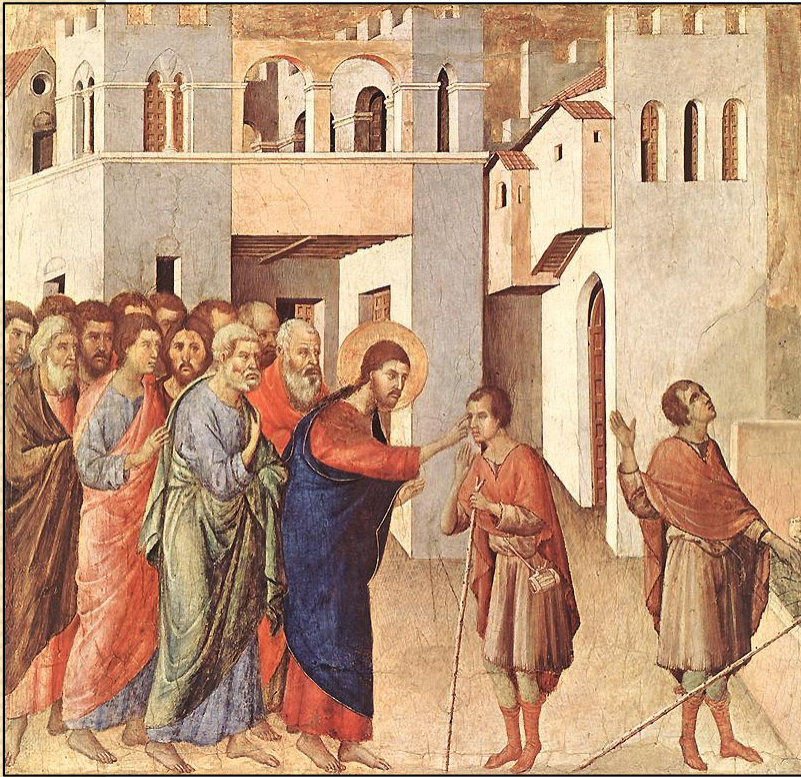
- Why was the man born blind (v.3)?
- Why don't the Pharisees believe this miracle is from God?



- What is the Pharisees' reaction to Jesus' work?
- How does the healed man react?

An Example of Jesus Curing Blindness (Physical and Spiritual)

Read John 9:35 - 41



- What does the healed man do when Jesus reveals himself?
- How would you describe spiritual blindness? What does it look like?
- Why is their claim to see a factor in their guilt?

Blind or Corrective Lenses?

Can we be spiritually blind?

How do we know if we are blind or need lenses?



How do we help those that are?

What religious symbols or ideas are important to our identity as a church today?

What would we do if Jesus walked in and questioned them?