CSI Outline December 2, 2008 Pastor Carter

A Theological Question: Why?

(John 9:3)

1. <u>The Contextual Flow</u>

- Attendance to the tragedy (v.1)
- Announcement of brevity (v. 4)
- Awareness of personality (v.5)

2. <u>The Theological Issue</u> A. The Inquiry: "Who did sin?"

- What does this question imply?
- Sin and Suffering (Karma) (see Job 5:17)
- Generational Curses (see Ezekiel 18:1-3)
- Transmigration of the Soul
- B. The Response: "neither this man..."

What do you think of Jesus' response? Is it comforting?

- Jesus refuses to focus on causality
- How are God's works manifested in one who suffers?
- "God will overcome the man's impairment in a way and at a time known to God."
- The glory/works of God:
 - by changing impairment John 5:1-9
 - by overcoming impairment II Corinthians 12:7-10