

The Miracles of Jesus
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Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

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Miracle #26 - Pt. III – Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

- **John 9:13-37**

The Man Cross-Examined by the Pharisees

The neighbors were somewhat baffled and confused. They were happy for the man, but knew the law spoke against healing on the Sabbath. By the Pharisee's definition, the healing of this blind man by Jesus was "**work**" because Jesus had "**made clay**." The Pharisees' legalistic interpretation of Sabbath – keeping was more important to them than the blind man having received his sight. You would think that these religious leaders would break-out in a "**Hallelujah Praise**."

There are 3 premises given in the argument of the Pharisees to justify their confusion.

- 1) Major premise – all people from God keep the Sabbath.
- 2) Minor premise – Jesus does not keep the Sabbath.
- 3) Conclusion – Jesus is not from God.

Their false major premise kept people from coming to the true conclusion. If both premises were true, their conclusion would have been true. The true argument would have been based on 2 different premises.

- 1) Major premise – Only people from God can open the eyes of a blind man.
- 2) Minor premise – Jesus opened the eyes of the blind man.
- 3) Conclusion – Jesus is from God.

The Pharisees argued "How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?" The blind man whose eyes are open declared Jesus must be a prophet.

Scene 4: The Parents are Cross-Examined by the Pharisees

- **John 9:18-23**

The Jewish religious leaders did not believe the man had been born blind and was now seeing. They approached his parents. The parents acknowledged him as their son having been born blind, but would say no more. They were afraid of being “**put out of the synagogue.**” A person put out of the synagogue would be cut off from any government assistance if they fell into poverty or dire need.

A person with a business would not be able to trade with the people in the community, and therefore, close their doors. Many who had been friends would no longer speak to persons who were put out of the synagogue. To confess Christ Jesus, as the Son of God or Son of David was dangerous. The man’s parents did not want to risk being ostracized. They responded – “**he is of age, ask him.**”

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