

# John 9:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

## Analysis

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The man's congenital blindness—'blind from his birth'—establishes that his condition was incurable by natural means, making the miracle's authenticity undeniable. His blindness also serves Jesus' teaching purpose: just as this man was born physically blind, all humanity is born spiritually blind. John's Gospel emphasizes sight/blindness as metaphors for spiritual perception, and this miracle becomes the longest sign narrative in John, emphasizing its importance.

## Historical Context

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In first-century Judaism, congenital disabilities were often attributed to sin (either the person's or parents'), a view Jesus explicitly rejects in verse 3. Blind beggars were common in Jerusalem, dependent on temple visitors' charity.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does spiritual blindness parallel physical blindness in your life?
2. What areas of spiritual truth do you need Jesus to help you 'see'?

## Interlinear Text

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Καὶ	παράγων	εἶδεν	ἄνθρωπον	τυφλὸν	ἐκ
<b>And</b>	<b>as Jesus passed by</b>	<b>he saw</b>	<b>a man</b>	<b>which was blind</b>	<b>from</b>
G2532	G3855	G1492	G444	G5185	G1537
γενετῆς					
<b>his birth</b>					
G1079					

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