

# John 9:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

## Analysis

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The parents are asked three questions: Is this your son? Was he born blind? How does he now see? The interrogators hope to catch contradiction or find alternative explanation for the miracle. Truth-seekers investigate to discover; unbelievers investigate to deny. Their questioning reveals their hardened hearts.

## Historical Context

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This formal interrogation reflects Pharisaic authority over Jewish religious life. Parents' testimony about birth defects was considered reliable since they witnessed the child's birth and development.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How can you tell whether questions arise from genuine seeking or determined unbelief?
2. What does this interrogation reveal about religious authority misused?
3. When have you faced hostile questioning about your faith?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτοὺς λέγετε Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς  
**And** **they asked** **them** **say** **this** **Is** <sup>G3588</sup> **son**  
G2532 G2065 G846 G3004 G3778 G2076 G5207

ὑμῶν ὃν ὑμεῖς λέγετε ὅτι τυφλὸς ἐγεννήθη πῶς οὖν  
**your** **who** **ye** **say** <sup>G3754</sup> **blind** **was born** **how** **then**  
G5216 G3739 G5210 G3004 G5185 G1080 G4459 G3767

ἄρτι βλέπει  
**now** **doth he**  
G737 G991

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