

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

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

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

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

καὶ ἡρώτησαν αὐτοὺς λέγετε Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς

And they asked them say this Is son

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ὑμῶν ὃν ὑμεῖς λέγετε ὅτι τυφλὸς ἐγεννήθη πῶς οὖν

your who ye say blind was born how then

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ἄρτι βλέπει

now doth he

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