

John 9:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

Analysis

'Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.' The man escalates his argument. This isn't just any miracle—it's unprecedented. No prophet, no rabbi, no one in history had healed congenital blindness. The uniqueness of the miracle demands unique explanation. Ordinary categories don't fit; only divine power suffices.

Historical Context

Old Testament healing miracles never included opening eyes of the born blind. This was considered God's exclusive prerogative (Exodus 4:11). The unprecedented nature of the miracle demanded unprecedented conclusions about Jesus' identity.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Why is the unprecedented nature of this miracle significant for identifying Jesus?

2. What unique works has Christ done that demand unique conclusions?

Interlinear Text

ἐκ	τοῦ	αἰῶνος	οὐκ	ἤκούσθη	ὅτι	ἤνοιξεν	τις
Since	G3588	the world began	not	heard	that	opened	any man
G1537		G165	G3756	G191	G3754	G455	G5100
ὀφθαλμοὺς	τυφλοῦ	γεγεννημένου·					
the eyes	blind	of one that was born					
G3788	G5185	G1080					

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 64:4 (Sin): For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

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