

# John 9:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

## Analysis

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'If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.' The man's logic reaches its climax. The miracle proves divine authorization. Someone who performs unprecedented healing must be 'of God.' The man's conclusion is simple, logical, and inescapable—unless one refuses to accept the evidence.

## Historical Context

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This is essentially the same argument Nicodemus made (3:2)—no one can do such signs unless God is with Him. The formerly blind man, with no theological training, reaches the correct conclusion that religious scholars resisted.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. What makes the man's logic about Jesus being 'of God' compelling?
2. Why can simple people sometimes see what sophisticated people miss?

## Interlinear Text

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εἰ	μὴ	ἦν	οὗτος	παρὰ	θεοῦ	οὐκ	ἠδύνατο	ποιεῖν
G1487	G3361	<b>were</b>	<b>this man</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>God</b>	G3756	<b>he could</b>	<b>do</b>
		G2258	G3778	G3844	G2316		G1410	G4160

οὐδέν

**nothing**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**John 9:16** (References God): Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

**John 3:2** (References God): The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

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