

John 9:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?' Jesus seeks the excommunicated man. Those cast out by religious authorities are found by Christ. Jesus' question moves from miraculous healing to personal faith. The man experienced Jesus' power; now he's invited to trust Jesus' person. Healing was the beginning; faith is the goal.

Historical Context

Jesus' deliberate seeking of the expelled man shows His concern for those rejected by religious establishments. The question about believing the 'Son of God' (or 'Son of Man' in some manuscripts) invites commitment beyond gratitude for healing.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus seeking the excommunicated man teach about His heart for the rejected?

2. Why is believing in Jesus' person more important than experiencing His power?

Interlinear Text

"Ηκουσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐξέβαλον αὐτῷ ἔξω καὶ
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Additional Cross-References

1 John 5:13 (Faith): These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

John 20:31 (Faith): But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

John 10:36 (References God): Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?