

John 9:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

Analysis

'He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?' The man's response shows willing but uninformed faith. He wants to believe but needs to know who the Son of God is. His question combines humility (I don't know), willingness (that I might believe), and respect (Lord). This is the posture of genuine seeking.

Historical Context

The man's developing faith continues. He recognized Jesus as prophet (verse 17); now he's ready to acknowledge higher identity. His question isn't skepticism but seeking. He will believe when he knows the object of faith.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What does the man's question reveal about the posture of genuine faith-seeking?
2. How does willingness to believe precede full understanding?

Interlinear Text

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| ἀπεκρίθη | ἐκεῖνος | καὶ | εἶπεν | τίς | ἐστίν | κύριε | ἵνα |
| answered | He | and | said | Who | is he | Lord | that |
| G611 | G1565 | G2532 | G2036 | G5101 | G2076 | G2962 | G2443 |

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| πιστεύσω | εἰς | αὐτόν |
| I might believe | on | him |
| G4100 | G1519 | G846 |

Additional Cross-References

Romans 10:14 (Faith): How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?