

John 9:38

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Analysis

'And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.' The man's response is faith and worship. 'Lord, I believe' is confession; worship is appropriate response to revealed deity. This is the chapter's climax—the blind man now sees physically and spiritually. His progression is complete: from 'a man called Jesus' to 'prophet' to 'Lord' worthy of worship.

Historical Context

Worship (proskuneo) given to a mere man would be idolatry. Jesus accepts it, confirming His deity. The formerly blind man becomes a model of developing faith reaching its proper expression in worship. The blind see; the seeing become blind (verse 39).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' acceptance of worship confirm about His identity?
2. How does the man's journey model the progression of genuine faith?

Interlinear Text

ὁ	δὲ	ἔφη	Πιστεύω	κύριε·	καὶ	προσεκύνησεν	αὐτῷ
<small>G3588</small>	And	he said	I believe	Lord	And	he worshipped	him
	<small>G1161</small>	<small>G5346</small>	<small>G4100</small>	<small>G2962</small>	<small>G2532</small>	<small>G4352</small>	<small>G846</small>

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 14:33 (Worship): Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

Matthew 28:9 (Worship): And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.