

# John 9:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

'The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?' The healing creates identity confusion. Those who knew him can't quite believe the transformation. 'Is not this he' expresses uncertainty—he looks the same but is radically different. Transformation through encountering Christ produces similar reactions—people recognize continuity but wonder at change.

## Historical Context

Blind beggars occupied fixed locations, becoming familiar to passersby. This man was known; his cure was public and undeniable. The community's confusion mirrors reactions to anyone dramatically converted—the same person yet fundamentally different.

## Related Passages

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What reactions do you observe when people are dramatically changed by Christ?
2. How does the community's confusion illustrate the reality of transformation?

## Interlinear Text

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Oἱ οὖν γείτονες καὶ οἱ θεωροῦντες αὐτὸν τὸ<sup>τὸ</sup>  
G3588 therefore The neighbours and G3588 had seen him G3588  
G3767 G1069 G2532 G2334 G846

πρότερον ὅτι τυφλὸς ἦν ἔλεγον Οὐχ οὗτός ἐστιν  
they which before that blind he was said not this Is  
G4386 G3754 G5185 G2258 G3004 G3756 G3778 G2076

οἱ καθήμενος καὶ προσαιτῶν  
G3588 he that sat and begged  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 2:8** (Parallel theme): He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.