

# Matthew 21:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

## Analysis

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**The blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them—** David had banned the blind and lame from the temple (2 Sam 5:8 LXX tradition). Jesus, the greater David, welcomes and restores those the old order excluded. The Greek τυφλοὶ καὶ χωλοί (typhloi kai chōloi) were ceremonially marginalized, yet found mercy at Messiah's hands.

After cleansing the temple (v.12-13), Jesus fills it with true worship—not commercial exploitation but compassionate healing. Isaiah 35:5-6 prophesied Messiah's kingdom would open blind eyes and make the lame leap. Jesus fulfilled this in the very temple courts, validating His authority challenged in verse 23.

## Historical Context

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The temple's outer courts had become a commercialized marketplace ('den of thieves'). Moneychangers and sellers exploited pilgrims, particularly the poor and disabled. Jesus's healings demonstrated the kingdom's values: accessibility to God for the outcast, not religious profiteering.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. Who are today's 'blind and lame'—those marginalized by religious systems—whom Jesus welcomes but churches exclude?
2. How does Jesus's healing ministry in the cleansed temple challenge prosperity-focused Christianity?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ προσῆλθον αὐτούς τυφλοὶ καὶ χωλοὶ ἐν τῷ  
And came them the blind And the lame in G3588  
G2532 G4334 G846 G5185 G2532 G5560 G1722

ἱερῷ καὶ ἐθεράπευσεν αὐτούς  
the temple And he healed them  
G2411 G2532 G2323 G846

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