

**The Miracles of Jesus**  
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*Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."*

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

**Miracle #26 - Pt. IV – Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind**

**Scene 5: The Pharisees Cross-Examined the Man Again**

- **John 9:24-34**

The religious leaders began to press their first argument. This **man** is a sinner because **he** broke the law of the Sabbath. Don't give glory to this **man** as if **he** is the Lord Jesus. Give the glory to God.

**There are 2 claims pressed in these verses:      1) The Pharisees    2) The Man**

**The Pharisees claimed to know based on their interpretations of the law not to work on the Sabbath. They concluded:**

- We know this Man is a sinner (9:24)
- We know God spoke through Moses (9:29)
- We do not know where this Man came from (9:29)

**The Man claimed to know based on the Miracle and the obvious:**

- I know that while I was blind, now I see (9:25)
- We know that God does not hear sinners (9:31)
- We know that God hears anyone who worships Him and does His will (9:33)
- If this Man was not from God, He could do nothing (9:33)

The religious leaders became enraged. They followed through on their threat and "cast out" the man. This excommunication shut him out of the temple. It also closed the door to every business. He would be shut out of everything religious and social.

**Scene 6: Jesus Sought out the Man**

- **John 9:35-38**

When Jesus found the man, He led him to the full commitment of faith. Christ identified Himself as the Son of God; and the man immediately affirmed, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

**Scene 7: The Significance of the Miracle**

- **John 9:39-41**

The Pharisees were shocked that Jesus thought they were spiritually blind. Jesus countered that only blindness (stubbornness) could excuse their behavior. To those who remained open (recognized how sin had truly blinded them from knowing the truth), He gave spiritual understanding and insight; but He rejected those who were complacent, self-righteous and self-satisfied and thus blind.

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