

UNBELIEF INVESTIGATES A MIRACLE
(John 9:13-34)

- I. The Preliminary Inquiry (9:13-17)
 - A. Key FACTS (9:13-15)
 - 1. The beggar claimed to have been CURED of BLINDNESS
 - 2. Jesus MADE CLAY on the SABBATH
 - B. DIVIDED opinions (9:16-17)
 - 1. Some were ANGERED by the breach of TRADITION
 - 2. Some were IMPRESSED by the MIRACLES
 - 3. The beggar declared, “He is a PROPHET”

- II. The Parental Interview (9:18-23)
 - A. Pharisees’ attempt to DISCREDIT the miracle (9:18-19)
 - 1. They QUESTIONED the beggar’s IDENTITY
 - 2. They CHALLENGED the beggar’s INFIRMITY
 - B. Parents’ attempt to DEFLECT potential consequences (9:20-21)
 - 1. They DENIED any KNOWLEDGE
 - 2. They DEMANDED the officials ask their SON
 - C. John’s explanation for their BEHAVIOR (9:22-23)
 - 1. Officials had determined to PUNISH followers of JESUS
 - 2. They feared being CUT OFF from the Jewish community

- III. The Personal Interrogation (9:24-34)

- A. EVALUATING Jesus' character (9:24-25)
 - 1. Pharisees PRESUMED Jesus was a SINNER
 - 2. Beggar KNEW he could NOW SEE

- B. QUESTIONING Jesus' methods (9:26-27)
 - 1. Beggar had already told them what Jesus HAD DONE
 - 2. Beggar asked if they ALSO wanted to become His DISCIPLES

- C. REVILING the beggar (9:28-29)
 - 1. Pharisees claimed to follow MOSES
 - 2. Pharisees accused the beggar of following a NOBODY

- D. TESTIFYING of Jesus (9:30-33)
 - 1. Beggar MARVELED at their IGNORANCE
 - 2. He presented a sound THEOLOGICAL defense
 - 3. He concluded Jesus must be "FROM GOD"

- E. PERSISTING in UNBELIEF (9:34; cf. 2 Cor. 2:14)
 - 1. Pharisees were INSULTED by the beggar's LECTURE
 - 2. Pharisees CAST HIM OUT (cf. Exod. 31:14)