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## The Healing Of The Blind And The Dumb

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Matthew 9:27-34

**Matthew** is the only one who records these two miracles, involving **two blind men**, and **a man who could not speak**. These miracles took place, after **Jesus** had left the house of **Jairus** (**verse 27**). By way of background; **Jesus** has **cast out the demons from the possessed man of Gadara**, He has **healed the woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years**, and He has **raised the twelve year old daughter of Jairus from the dead**, and **THERE IS A BUZZ OF EXCITEMENT GOING ON**, as **Jesus** makes His way from the house of **Jairus!**

### I. THE HEALING OF TWO BLIND MEN (**verses 27-31**)

#### ① **These Two Blind Men Had A Desperate And Felt Need:**

Again, after **Jesus** left the house of **Jairus** "**two blind men** (this tells of their need), **followed Him** (Christ), **crying**" (**verse 27**). The word "**crying**" means "**calling aloud, entreating, begging, pleading**" This reveals that they were **not ashamed to express their need**, and that they were **greatly burdened concerning their need**, and that they were **desirous of having their need fulfilled**, and that they **believed that He was able to restore their sight!** **THEY BELIEVED THAT HE WAS GREATER THAN THEIR BLINDNESS!**

#### ② **These Two Blind Men Believed That Christ Was The Messiah:**

They were "**crying and saying, Thou Son of David**" This is expressive of the fact that they believed that **Jesus** was the **promised Messiah!** It is also expressive of the fact that they believed in the **kingly office of Christ!** **THIS IS FAITH!** They are **blind**, so they have not **seen** what He has done, and they can't even see Him, but "**faith is the.....the evidence of things not seen**" (**Hebrews 11:1**). **THEY BELIEVE THAT HE IS THE PROMISED KING AND DELIVERER!** These two, no doubt had heard, how that **Jesus liberated** the **demon-possessed man of Gadara**, they have heard about how **Jesus healed** the **woman with the blood-disease**, and how that **Jesus had raised the daughter of Jairus**, and without seeing these things or **Christ**, **THEY BELIEVE THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH!** The reason that they "**followed Him**" was because of what they believed concerning Him! **FOLLOWING HIM WAS AN EVIDENCE OF THEIR FAITH!**

**3 These Two Blind Men Feel That They Are Unworthy Of His Blessings:**

They followed **Christ**, **begging** and **pleading**; *“Thou Son of David, have **mercy** on us”* THEIR ONLY PLEA WAS FOR MERCY! This reveals, not only that they felt unworthy of His blessings, but **THEY BELIEVED THAT HE WAS MERCIFUL!** Again, **they believed this, without ever seeing a single act of His mercy, and without ever seeing Him!**

**4 These Two Blind Men Believed That He Was Fully Aware Of Their Need:**

Their only plea was *“Thou Son of David have **mercy** on us”* They did not say a single word about their **blindness**, they only pleaded that He would be merciful to them, **they left their lives with Him, BELIEVING THAT HE WOULD KNOW THEIR NEED AND THE DESIRE OF THEIR HEART!**

**5 These Two Blind Men Came To Christ:**

**Jesus** entered into a house, and then it is specifically recorded that *“the blind men **came to Him” (verse 28)***. No doubt, others were following **Christ** at this time, but these two *“came to Him”* **THEY HAVE NOW DRAWN EVEN NEARER!** And they have done so, with **burdened** hearts, and with **humbled** and **believing** hearts!

**6 Christ Challenges Their Faith:**

After they had come to Him in the house, *“Jesus saith unto them (speaking directly to them), **Believe ye that I am able to do this?” (verse 28)***. That is, *“Are you **persuaded**, are you **convinced**, do you have **confidence**, do you **know** that I have the **power** and **ability** to do this?”* They answered, without any **hesitation**, without any **doubt**, and no doubt with great **enthusiasm**; *“Yea”* and they again expressed their belief concerning His Person *“Yea **Lord” (verse 28)***. They not only believed that He was able, they believed that He was **God**, the **Ruler** of all!

**7 Christ Works The Miraculous:**

*“Then (following the confirmation of their faith), **touched He their eyes” (verse 29)***. They could not see that **Christ** was about to touch their eyes, but **OH, WHAT THEY MUST HAVE FELT WHEN HE TOUCHED THEIR EYES!** The result of **the touch of Christ**; *“And their eyes were opened” (verse 30)*. Their eyes being opened, **THEY SAW CHRIST!** The **touch of Christ** is always something special, because **IT IS THE TOUCH OF THE ALMIGHTY!** All through the **Scriptures** we read of **the touch of the Lord:**

- The Touch Of The Lord That Brought **Submission (Genesis 32:24-25)**.
- The Touch Of The Lord That Brought **Sufficiency (Jeremiah 1:9)**.
- The Touch Of The Lord That Brought **Strength (Daniel 10:10, 16, 18)**.
- The Touch Of The Lord That Brought **Restoration (Matthew 8:15; Luke 22:51)**.

- The Touch Of The Lord That Brought Reassurance (**Matthew 17:7**).
- The Touch Of The Lord That Brought Cleansing (**Mark 1:41**).
- The Touch Of The Lord That Brought Life (**Luke 7:14**).

## **THERE IS POWER IN THE SIMPLE TOUCH OF THE LORD!!**

### **8 The Zeal Of These Two Healed Men:**

*“But they, when they were departed (from the house, where **Jesus** was, now seeing), spread abroad His fame (renown, importance) in all that country” (verse 31).* These two **seeing men**, with hearts filled with passion and zeal went everywhere **telling of Him!** **BECAUSE OF CHRIST, THEY HAD A STORY TO TELL!**

## **II. THE HEALING OF THE DUMB (verses 32-34)**

### **1 This Man Is Brought To Christ:**

As the two former blind men went from the house, another needy individual was brought to **Christ**; *“And as they went out, behold (indicative of something remarkable), they brought to him” (verse 32).* Those who brought this man to **Christ**, did so **out of love and concern for the man**, they did so **with a realization that this man had a need beyond the ability of man**, and they did so **with a desire to see this man healed**, and they did so **believing that Christ was able to heal this man!** This man is brought to **Christ**, the One who is above all, over all, and beyond all! This man is brought to **Christ**, the great **miracle worker!**

### **2 The Condition Of The Man:**

He is described as a *“man possessed with a devil” (verse 32).* He was **demon-possessed**, or *“under the dominion and control of a demon”* He was *“possessed with a devil”* *“he was under the spell of a demon”* He was *“possessed with a devil”* that is; *“the force and power of hell was in his life”* He was *“possessed with a devil”* **THIS WAS HIS CONDITION!** The fact that he was *“possessed with a devil”* **shaped his life!** There was also a symptom (an indicator or manifestation) of his **demon-possession**. This is seen in the words *“a dumb man” (verse 32).* Because and as a result of the **demon-possession**, **this man could not speak!** The greatest and most urgent need was not in the symptom, *(not in the fact that he could not speak)* but in the man’s condition, *(demon-possession).* **THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM IS ALWAYS A GREATER AND MORE URGENT NEED THAN THE SYMPTOM!**

### **3 Jesus Worked A Miracle:**

Concerning this miraculous event, it is simply recorded *“And when the devil was cast (thrown) out” (verse 33).* **Christ**, of course, is the One who cast the **demon** out, which was **A MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST’S POWER OVER THE POWERS OF HELL!** The

particulars of **Christ** releasing this man of the **demon** are not given, but as a **result of the working of Christ** “*the devil was cast out*” CHRIST IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR THOSE UNDER THE SPELL OF SATAN! The immediate result of **Christ casting out this demon** was “*the dumb (speechless) spake*” (**verse 33**). **Christ** could have released this man’s tongue, without ever casting out the **demon**, but CHRIST DID NOT MERELY DEAL WITH THE SYMPTOM, BUT WITH THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM! In healing this man, CHRIST DEALT WITH THE ROOT CAUSE, THE REAL ISSUE AT HAND, and as a result the **symptom** was cured!

#### ④ **The Response To The Miracle:**

##### ○ *The Response Of The Multitude:*

They were amazed, and astonished, and stood in awe of the **power** of **Christ**; “*and the multitudes marvelled*” (**verse 33**). This was a common response to the teaching and works of **Christ** (**Matthew 13:54; 15:31; 22:22, 33**). THEY MARVELED, BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE BENEFICIAL TO BELIEVE! Many in response to the teaching and miraculous power of **Christ** marveled without ever believing! The **multitude** confess the reason for their astonishment “*saying, It was never so seen in Israel*” (**verse 33**). CHRIST, IN HIS MIRACULOUS WORKING SURPASSED ALL THAT THEY HAD SEEN AND HEARD BEFORE!

##### ○ *The Response Of The Avowed Enemies Of Christ:*

The **Pharisees**, with hearts filled with hatred, and bitterness toward **Christ** responded with a blasphemous charge that such power over **demons** came from an accord with **Satan** (**verse 34**). **Christ** on a later occasion would rebuke the wickedness and foolishness of such a charge (**Luke 11:14-23**).

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These two miracles are A MANIFESTATION OF THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OF CHRIST OVER THE REALM OF BOTH PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL DARKNESS! Following these miracles, and the blasphemous charge of the **Pharisees**, **Christ** continues His ministry (**verses 35-38**). Here, the spirit and nature of His ministry is revealed. He taught, He preached, and He healed, and He did so in big places “*cities*” and small and insignificant places “*villages*” (**verse 35**). The range and scale of His **healing power** is seen in the words “*healing every sickness and every disease*” (**verse 35**). His earthly ministry was carried out in the spirit of **love**, **compassion**, and **desire**!

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