

Matthew 9:27–34

Healing for Your Blindness and Muteness

Saturday, June 29, 2024 ▫ **Read Matthew 9:27–34**

Questions from the Scripture text: Where was Jesus going (v27)? Who followed Him? What were they crying out and saying? Where did He enter (v28)? Who came to Him? What does Jesus ask them? How do they answer? What does Jesus do them in v29? What does He say to them? What happens to their eyes (v30)? What does Jesus now say? But what do they do (v31)? When does v32 occur? Whom do they bring to Him? What happens in v33, with what result? How do the multitudes respond? How do the Pharisees respond (v34)?

What are we to see about Jesus? Matthew 9:27–34 prepares us for the morning sermon on the Lord's Day. In these eight verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **faith sees Jesus's Kingship, mercy, power, and devil-defeating glory.**

The blind men cannot see with their eyes, but they can see Jesus well enough to call Him the Christ, the Son of David. They can see that He is King. They can see that He is merciful, as they cry out to Him to have mercy. They can see that He is powerful, as they confess Him to have power. Jesus refers to all of this as faith.

Their faith was for their own worship of Him; it was when He was lifted up on the cross that He would draw all people to Himself (cf. Jn 12:32). But still, they spread the report of Him in all the earth (v31). The satanic/demonic effects of the fall (blindness, muteness) crumble before Him, and the multitudes marvel (v33b), even if they don't understand exactly what they are seeing. But those who should understand better than the multitudes turn out to be the blindest of all (v34). Don't you be blind, too, dear reader. With the Lord, there is forgiveness and deliverance from all our sins, so that we might fear Him rightly and worship Him.

What do you see about Jesus? How are you responding to Him throughout each day? With your life as a whole?

Sample prayer: Lord, thank You for giving to us the faith to see You as our God, our King, our Savior, who loves us, has mercy upon us, and delivers us. Give us to marvel at You and worship You, we ask in Your own Name, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP23B "The Lord's My Shepherd" or TPH130A "Lord, from the Depths"

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Matthew 9 verses 27-34. These are God's words. When Jesus departed, from there two blind men, followed him crying out and saying, son of David have mercy on us. When he had come into the house, the blind men came to him. And Jesus said to them, do you believe that I am able to do this?

They said to him? Yes, Lord. Then he touched their eyes saying according to your faith. Let it be to you. When their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them saying see that no one knows it. But when they had departed it departed, they spread the news about him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to him a man mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke, And the multitudes marveled saying, It was never seen like this in Israel. But the Pharisees said he casts a

But the Pharisees said he cast out demons by the ruler of demons. Amen, this ends this reading of gods inspired. And an erring toward. So in this passage the Lord Jesus. Opens the eyes of these blind men. Who could already see?

Who could already see better than most And he opens the mouth. Of the blind men and the mute man and the multitudes. in that which the Pharisees are exposed as mute. So first, he opens the eyes of the Blind Men. They already. Have the most important sort of sight because notice they follow him.

They call him son of David and they cry. Have mercy on Jesus, you know, this doesn't stop to heal them. From their blindness. he comes all the way into the house. Now whether this is his house back home in Nazareth or possibly, if the narrative is continuing from, Matthew's house from earlier, it's at Matthew's house, these blind men follow Jesus and they follow him all the way into the house.

Saying, son of David have, have mercy. On me. And so we see that they are more sighted. than there is A site that is more important than that, which you have with your eyes. And that is the sight of the Soul which is made Alive by faith.

To know Jesus and by knowing Jesus to know yourself As the one who needs his Mercy. Remember just a few verses ago back in verse 12. Jesus had said those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick and he identifies himself as the one.

Heals the sick, but the sickness. Is that of sin? Because he says, I did not come to call the righteous but Sinners. To repentance. And so Jesus has identified himself as a Healer and among the things that he heals. In the gospels blindness is one of the chief ones to the extent that there are enough healings of blindness that Those unbelieving Bible scholars who love to pick fights with the scripture.

think that this is redundant, this is a reduplication of the healing of Bartimaeus. Which happens in chapter 20. Of this gospel and it's repeated also, Is repeated also in other gospels? But the greater blindness is. the failure to see Jesus, and then the failure to see ourselves, These.

Saw Jesus by faith. And what they saw then is that he is the son of David. Is the promised one they're looking. For that song that was promised to David. He is the anointed one, the son of David would be anointed like His ancestor. And, be the Christ which is which means anointed he would be kingly.

The descendant of David, the son of David as kingly Authority has thrown us forever. And then all of these things, he would be one who is of such a character as to be merciful and who has the power to have mercy. So, all of this is Condensed in their calling crying out, son of David.

Have mercy on. So they see Jesus rightly and they follow him into the house and Jesus Waits. To heal them until they come into the house. And then not only does he wait to heal them until Until they're in the house. And There is a little bit more privacy than before but he prompts their faith.

He provokes their faith. Do you believe that I am able to do this? and they say to him, yes, Lord. And he touched their eyes saying according to your faith. Let it be to you. Not that their Has power for them to be healed. Not that their faith earns from him that he would heal them, but in accord, with their faith, they're healed.

Their faith was not a faith in Themselves or even in faith itself, their faith was a faith in Christ. So basically, he's saying you're right about me. I am the son of David. I am the promised one. I am the anointed one. I am the king. And I am merciful.

And so Jesus, identifies himself as all of those things when you come to the Lord Jesus, if you come by the spirit's Mercy to you, having the sight of And you trust in him

according to your faith, it will be given to you. Not according to how well you believe or how strong you believe.

Not because believing is Earn something from God or because believing has power in itself. But because faith is right about Jesus and it obtains, it has it receives Jesus himself. As he indicates, he touches their eyes. Saying according to your faith, let it be to you. It is him himself.

As he communicates to them, both by the words and by the touch, Well, he opens their eyes. He also opens. their mouths as it were. There is a muteness that is worth. than being in unable. Make. The sounds that are recognized as speech by pushing air across your vocal cords, and through over your tongue and through your lips.

And that is failing to use our mouths for that for which they were created. The worship of God. Someone who has spoken billions of words in his lifetime. But has not spoken. Of God and worshiped God. Has has been mute his whole life long. He has never formed with his mouth.

What his mouth was created to do. And so, we see the Verse 32-34, going into the healing of the man who has made mute. By this demon, but even before that, Jesus, it says, sternly warned them. The word sternly, there is. Used in various. It's only used four or five times in the New Testament and several of the places where we see it used it describes.

Jesus groaning inwardly And so there's some there's a strong display of emotion. As Jesus speaks to them. And I don't think the warning is against. yeah. It, I don't think the warning is him saying that they are not to speak. Of him. There is something like that several times in the gospels.

It's true. But he says see no one knows. He doesn't say C to it, that no one knows. He commands them to see. That no one knows who he is, basically. and he does it with this great emotion. That is in him. And this has helped, this understanding has helped by the fact that in verse 31 when it says, but when they had departed, it's not the Greek word Allah, which is An adversative.

But meaning contrary to this. When he went out, does the Greek word da, which is an additive. Which was often translated and or then, So, you can see how Translating verse 30, very carefully. And then translating de as it most often is. And, and when they had departed, They made him famous in all that country.

using the same word or a derivative of the same word for famous as, and the fame of this went into all that land. In verse 26. And I'm using the word Fame because it's the Greek word from which our English word, Fame descends. And you get the idea better when you use the word Fame.

Instead of report in verse 26 and he's word Fame instead of news. In verse 31. So not only did he open the two men's physical eyes, whose spiritual eyes had already been opened before? But he also opened their mouth to speak his Fame. And it's convicting to think about, Whether we are making Jesus famous.

Where we live? whether having received what we have received from him, We are glad to make him famous. We really ought to start that in our family make Jesus famous to one another speak encourage, one. Another of his praise encourage one, another of his goodness live together and help one another You're not going to have an easier place or any group that is more receptive to the doctrine to the truth of who Jesus is.

And the difference that that makes but then this opening of the blind men's males is also matched you, you see how The demon. what he wants more than anything is to keep mouths shut because he knows what mouths were created to do and as soon as Jesus casts out the demon, the man speaks And so, it's strongly implied, in verse 32, and verse, 33.

that this was the Demonic effort to stop the fame of Jesus, to stop the worship of Jesus. So Jesus cast out the demon and not only does that man speak but then the multitudes also Marvel and speak. It was never seen like this in Israel. This is very technical.

Not only does it mean, Not only does it mean even among the Covenant people never seen anything like this or this and if not in Israel then where would it be seen? But it's also I think very Intentionally, technically referring to. Moses. Prophecy. At the end of his life that the Lord would raise up for them.

from among them a prophet like Moses. And a profit greater than Moses. And here's the one that is greater than Moses greater than Elijah, greater than Elisha. Say it has never been seen like this in Israel. They have an Old Testament that recounts for them. The things that have been seen in Israel, they're pretty amazing.

And so, what this is saying is this is the one This is the one that we listen to. This is the one that changes everything. This is the one in whom we know Yahweh. This is the one in whom. Yahweh comes and saves us. So they say, it has never been seen.

It was never seen like this in Israel. And so he is the anointed king after David, he is the anointed Prophet. He is The prophet priest and King. in whom the Lord has revealed himself. but we see again, it's not just enough to have your mouth. Opened in the natural way.

Where you respond to Jesus as being impressive and speak about how impressive he is. No, you need to be convinced that he is God so that you trust in him. And are united to him by faith. Because these multitudes in verse 33, although their mouths Have been opened in one sense.

The physical sense. They are not spiritually opened. Because they are some chapters from now, not too long from now. You know, half an hour's worth of reading or maybe an hour, if you read the book at a, at a natural pace, maybe a little more than that, an hour and a half.

They are going to join the ones in verse 34. They're going to join the ones. Who say he casts out demons by the ruler of demons. The Pharisees mouths were not opened with praise because of how hard their hearts were. But our mouths need to be opened. Not just on the surface.

But in the heart, With worship of the Lord Jesus. So, praise God. He has given us his son. And he opens his eyes. When he opens mouths. He gives sight and he gives speech. Not just physically, not just naturally. But in giving life to the That we may believe in Jesus and receive him.

And according to our faith, it will be done to us. Well, that means if your faith is in him and God the son, who came to forgive sin, That according to your faith in him because he is who he says he is and upon whom you depend him to be.

You will have forgiveness of sins. You will have the resurrection of the body. You will have. Sanctification Holiness, you will have life, Everlasting and blessed in God. So may the Lord give you faith in him, believe in him. Make him famous speak of him. Worship Him. Let's pray. Our gracious God in our heavenly father, we thank you.

For this portion of your word. We thank you. For the prospect of Coming to hear it. Preached in the public worship. And we pray that. As your spirit writes, the truths of these verses on our hearts in preparation for the Lord's Day. So also then he would come In the public worship.

And work in Us by this scripture applying Christ to us. By your Almighty power that works Faith grant it, we ask in Jesus name, amen.