

Sight and Speech to Worship Jesus

2024.06.30 Morning Sermon in **Matthew 9:27–34**

²⁷When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” ²⁸And 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.” ²⁹Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” ³⁰And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” ³¹But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

³²As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. ³³And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” ³⁴But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.”

Main idea:

Jesus opens the eyes of some blind to see Him and of some mute to worship Him.

Introduction: The world is full of blind and mute who don't know the truth about themselves because they don't know the truth about Jesus. Jesus is fulfilling v12!

1. Opening the Eyes of the Blind (v27–29)

1. The two blind men see Jesus better than many with “sight.”
2. They see the Son of David (v27)
 1. Someone promised
 2. Someone anointed
 3. Someone Kingly
 4. Someone with the character and power to be merciful
3. They were right about Jesus. He provokes faith by His question (v28) and affirms faith by His answer (v29).
 1. The healing is “in accord” with their faith. Faith is neither the power nor the worthiness but the instrument.
 2. But faith's hope is in its object not in itself.
 3. When you are saved in accord with your faith, it is because Jesus is Who you believed Him to be: God the Son, become a Man, and anointed to redeem you as your Prophet, Priest, and King.

2. Opening the Mouths of the Mute (v30–34)

1. If your mouth was made for the worship of God (and particularly, now, the worship of God in Christ), but you are not using it for that, then in the most important way, you are mute.
2. Whatever else Jesus heals in you should heal your mouth, too!

1. Jesus's "stern warning" (v30) is a word of passion, but not necessarily prohibition. The command, in a turn of words, is "See! No one knows." And the "but" is not the adversative but the additive. His opening their eyes has now opened their mouths.
2. They literally "made Him famous" (cf. v26). Are you "making Jesus famous" wherever you are?
3. Opening the mouths of multitudes (v32–34)
 1. Demons want nothing more than to keep mute the mouths created for worship.
 2. Your "mouth" needs to be opened not just naturally (by being impressed) but spiritually (by being brought to saving faith).
 1. These multitudes were right: even among the covenant people, this had never been seen (v33). The One greater than Moses (or Elijah, Elisha, etc.) is here!
 2. But did they trust in Him? They would later join those who express the opinion in v34. May your mouth be opened in saving faith!

Conclusion: Come now and worship Him Who is worthy of it. Come and pray to Him, knowing His patience and readiness to answer. Come and trust in Him, Whose salvation is almighty and eternal. Come and draw near to Him, Who loves with more tenderness and compassion than we could understand or express.

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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.

And 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. And he touched their eyes saying, According to your faith. Let it be to you. And their eyes were opened.

And Jesus sternly warned them saying. See that. No one knows it. But when they had 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 has never.

It was never seen like this in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casts out demons. By the ruler of the Demons. And then since this reading of God's inspired, And an errandwort. Rejoice. That he not only brings us near. But that his Spirit uses it to do his Almighty.

And redeeming work. Through it. Please be seated.

You don't know what you don't know. Uh, that's one of the reasons why. Uh, Uh, not usually a good idea. For the teacher to ask the student. What he wants to learn next. The teacher knows. What the student needs to learn. The student may have a sense of some of his deficiencies.

There may be things that he knows to some level that he wishes that he knew more deeply. But he doesn't know. What he doesn't know. Well, in the same way. The world is. Of those who are blind. They have. Ideas for themselves. Of what they think they want. But they don't know what they don't know, they don't know what they don't have.

They cannot see. That what they need is the Lord Jesus Christ. They may feel a need for forgiveness to some extent. They may come under some measure of conviction. They may feel lost and confused and desire Clarity. In life. May feel the need to be moral because God created them to be moral and he left a conscience in them and so they want to be moral and yet for all these things Apart from the Lord, Jesus opening their eyes by his Spirit, they continue to be blind.

They do not know that what they need. Is the Lord Jesus himself. That everything else that they need comes under one. Great umbrella. Or in one great package, the mercy. Of the Lord Jesus himself. The world is. Of those who are blind. They don't even know the truth about themselves.

They're suppressing the truth in unrighteousness pushing down. On the truth about God and unrighteousness. Refusing to acknowledge Him as God or give thanks to him and because they do not know him, they refuse to know him, To uh, to quote another A different scripture because they refused to know him, they do not know themselves.

They do not know themselves as image bearers, they do not know themselves as not only sinful creatures, but having committed, the sin of greatest heinousness It is the glory of God. Of which they have fallen short. The glory that they were created to know the glory that they were created to image.

The fellowship with him and display of him in his creation. Truly. Are blind. And so our passage seems to be at first and verses, 27 through 29. Or really verses 27-31. Healing of the two Blind Men. Although truly as the passage begins, they are the two sighted men. They are the two men whose physical eyes being closed.

Notwithstanding. See, and Who they are because they see and Who Jesus is? And what Jesus can do. The world is full of those who are blind. Because they don't know the truth about themselves and those who are mute. Because they don't live according to the truth about themselves. For our mouths were created, for many reasons.

Yes, there are. Parrots, that can parrot. And yes, there are forms of communication. Among the Lesser creatures not made in God's image. And yes, there are angels who speak But we alone of all of God's creatures have been given speech as a method of communicating ourselves. Of conveying ourselves to others.

Even the speaking Angels Do not convey themselves, they're not divulging giving their persons to others as they speak. We have been created with speech, not only. To give ourselves to one another but especially to give ourselves to the Lord. To use our mouths towards God for worship and Towards one another for fellowship, and especially for that Fellowship of edification.

The world has never been more full of words than it is now. And yet in the original purpose of words. Especially. The praise of God. The telling of who he is and what he has done. To one another and then also to him in worship. We might well say The vast majority of the world is spiritually.

Mute. And so, this passage comes and It helps us. It teaches us that Jesus is the Who opens eyes so that we can see him. So we can know ourselves and rightly and know him rightly. And opens mouths. So that we may respond rightly to him. In. Praise, that takes the form of evangelism.

On the one hand, And if your evangelism is Not Praise of Jesus, it is not evangelism. And then praise towards him. She takes the form of worship. On the other hand. So considering the passage we'll consider it under these two headings opening the eyes of the Blind. And the reason I said verses 27 to 29 earlier is because verses 30 and 31 are really Jesus.

Opening the mouths as it were of these two healed uh blind men, and we're going to do some translation Rehabilitation when we get there. If you Have a copy that italicizes words that have been added by English translators. You may already begin to see. Some of what we will note in.

In verse, But in verses 27 through 29, we'll consider Jesus opening the eyes of the blind. And then in verses 30 through 34, we'll consider Jesus. Opening the mouths of the mute. All the while, but seeking to build. Towards the application. Of asking for eyes. Further opened for cataract surgery, as it were to remove from us.

Those things that cloud our knowledge of Christ. And for our tongues to be loosed. So that we may more readily and gladly and eagerly speak the praise of Jesus To those with whom we interact. And lose our reluctance in evangelism. And even reluctance and worship. As we are often plagued.

But seeking that Christ who displays himself in these ways, In this passage would by means of the preaching of it. Display himself in this way in our lives. That he would open our eyes. That he would open our mouths. So first, opening the eyes of the blind. Jesus is leaving Jairus's house.

There are two blind men who perhaps have been brought to Faith by the announcement of the things that Jesus has said, and the things that Jesus has done, says, one of the things that happens. When you have one physical disability, you start to compensate in other ways? There would be few people in the crowds, who would be listening more carefully to the details and who are accustomed to sorting out by what they hear people say and the tones of their voices and and so forth.

And it may well be implied here that God sanctifies to them, their physical blindness by giving them spiritual sight through. Hearing Faith comes by the word of God, faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God. And in this case hearing about Jesus and what he has done and coming to a marvelous conclusion, Two blind men.

See Jesus better than many who have physical sight because they see the son of David. So, verse, 27 says, when Jesus departed, from there two blind men, followed him. Crying out and saying, son of David. Have mercy. On. Son of David is a very interesting way to call. Jesus, isn't it?

Because, even, his Earthly adopted father's name is not David, is it? Children? Jesus's mom was named Mary. And as soon as she gave birth to the Lord Jesus, She who was betrothed to this man married. The man whose name was Joseph. So why are these blind men saying? Of David.

It is because God had promised David A great son. That the whole of Israel we're still looking for. You remember, when? And God had given David victory over his enemies, and when God had given David to build for himself, a very nice Palace. The King David had had come to Nathan the prophet and he said, I live in this really nice Palace but God lives in a tent, which is kind of a mistake as you children already know and you would think David should have known better and you're right, he should have known better.

Uh, when he said I'm gonna build him a great big house. And Nathan. Should have known better too. And said oh, whatever is in your heart to do. It. Always be careful with that children. Only if whatever is in your heart is according to the Bible. Should you do it and up until that point?

God had commanded this tent and so there would be nothing better. For God's display of his special presence than the tent that God had commanded. It wouldn't be improved by something that came out of David's heart. But God and his, his great generosity. Tells David not only that Solomon is going to be given by God to build a house.

So now it's coming from God's heart, not from man's heart, and that would be come to be known as Solomon's Temple. But even more than that, in second, Samuel chapter 7. Um, you know, after Nathan has left David and God tells his Prophet, Nathan. Nope. You go back to David.

And tell him he's not going to build that. You tell him I'm gonna build him a house. I'm going to give him Sons a household. And he promises that the rain, the throne over, God's people would never leave. David's house. And that indeed, David would have a son. Who reigned forever?

And the Lord by his prophets gives a little bit more information, a little bit more information, a little bit more information. The book that we have been reading for Trying to think of how long it has been, maybe about a year. In the book of Isaiah, maybe a touch.

About a year in the book of Isaiah tells us, lots of things about this coming King, who is the son of David tells us things that have made us scratch, our heads and much less. Now that we know who Jesus is that the Lord has given us things like Matthew, and these blind men calling Jesus, the son of David, but they sure would have made you scratch your head when you're reading things that are about the promised Christ and they sure seem to be things that can only be true about God himself.

How can the son of David also be God? Which of course, is what Jesus? Asks, when when people are trying to play stump the Messiah and make him look bad and they come with all these gotcha questions, and his answers are always perfectly wise and frustrating and embarrassed the people who thought they were going to come and embarrass him.

But then he says, let me ask you a question and he asks them about Psalm 110 Is the Messiah, the Christ, the promised one is supposed to be David's son, isn't he? Well, if he's David's son, how come David calls him? Lord. Because he says he always said to my Lord, Sit down at my right hand.

So, they knew that Uh, that one who sits at the right hand. Of God on high in Psalm. 110 is the son of David and he's asking them, how can he say this to a mere creature? How can he say this to it? I meant how can David's son, be David's Lord, and of course, Is because the son of David is also David's Creator.

And David's Redeemer. And David's God. Jesus is someone who has promised? Jesus is someone, who is anointed the words. The phrase son of David was a common title or name, for the Messiah. Christ is taken from the Greek word. Messiah is taken from the Hebrew word, but if we were to translate those in English, we would say anoint it And this recognizes, especially that he is the anointed forever King.

But as we're going to hear also, In this passage, he is the anointed prophet. Who is the one who is greater than Moses? The one that they were looking for ever. Since Moses said, Lord will raise up a prophet like me from among your Brethren and you must hear him.

And the Lord. Uh saying similarly on the Mount of transfiguration. Uh, God the Father. Saying of Jesus in the presence of Moses and the presence of Elijah. Uh nope, this is my beloved Son. Talking about Jesus here him. And of course, he is also our great and forever high priest.

So that he is the anointed king, the anointed Prophet, the anointed priest, or in the order in which we usually say it Prophet priest and King. All of these offices, Are anointed. With oil showing that they were God's selections. Uh, for who would be God's representative preacher, who would be God's chosen one to bring the people near to God in the worship and, and consecrate them, and perform the sacrifices of atonement for them as priests.

Who would be God's chosen ruler over them. As. And so when they say son of David, they're recognizing Jesus has been promised, they're recognizing that Jesus has been anointed and especially that Jesus is King. And he is the sort of King who can actually do the kinds of things that Kings never do.

Kings, do not provide for you. No, they take what you have. Uh, this is what God told Israel, when they said give us a king like the Nations. He said You have God as your king. He provides everything. For you. The kings of the Nations, take things from you, even your children to serve them.

And even in the insanity of how they asked, they said give us a king like the other nations who will go and fight our battles for us. Which is not what Kings did. Kings did not go and they didn't tell their armies. You guys stay home. I'll go fight the battle.

There's only one king who ever did that. That is the Lord himself. Who fights the battles and uh, often it'll say things in the battles just to remind us and the those who died by the forest were more than those who died. Uh, by the swords of the men of Israel, because the Lord is the one who fights battles.

Well, the son of David, the forever King is the first human King ever. Provide for you who could protect you who can deliver, you can have mercy upon you. And so he is kingly in a way that all of the kings of the earth taken together could never be He is the great king and so when they say son of David, they're saying Jesus, the promised one Jesus, the anointed one, Jesus, the gangly one, but listen to what they say have mercy on Now, do you think blind men?

Were accustomed to crying out, to people, I'm sure they were And crying out for, for help for handout for alms. And, I suspect as I'm sure you do that. Blind men are also accustomed to being ignored by people. In fact. Uh, they probably are. Uh are wondering why the rest of the world seemed to be the ones with the disability because their cries always fall upon deaf ears.

But there is something about the spiritual site, by which we mean faith in, Jesus Christ, or maybe that helps, you think about what faith is spiritual sight to see Jesus as convinced them. Jesus is someone who not only has the power to be merciful like he. Jesus is going to ask them in verse 28.

But the ability when he says, do you believe that I am able To do this. But he also has the character to be merciful. That Jesus is going to hear them. Jesus is the sort of one who stops on the way to resuscitate a dead girl. Uh, Address the faith of a desperate woman.

Jesus is the sort of one who takes the time. To go into the house and raise a 12 year old girl from the dead to resuscitate her. And so they know that Jesus has both the ability to be merciful and that it is just like him. Just like he is.

Um, he has the character to be merciful. And so, do you know these things about Jesus? Do you take seriously that the scriptures are the written words of God. And that for more than a thousand years actually 2000 more than 4 000 years. Starting with the promise to the woman who Uh, who had sinned and with her husband, her husband and whom we all.

And God had promised to her an offspring, a seed who had crushed the Serpent's head. God had been promising. His son. God had been promising. The Savior Do you believe that we sinned in Adam? And that God promised the Savior. For thousands of years. Until he himself came. As the Savior.

The son of Eve, the son of David. And that he is the prophet and priest, and King, the anointed one. And that he not only has the ability to be merciful, but the inclination that, that's what. He's like, he will be merciful to you. He will save you. Not just from physical blindness, although that is not any.

Of your all's, amen. Ailments. But save us even from spiritual blindness as he had done. For these men. Well, Jesus confirms to them. That they are right about him. He provokes their faith in at least two ways.

He doesn't answer right away.

When Jesus departed, from there two blind men, followed him. Okay, so they leave jairus's house, the two blind men are following him. You're following him, following him, following him following him verse 28, and when he had come into the house, Now, it actually doesn't tell us if he went back to Matthew's house which seems to be the place that all of this started or where, whether he's back in the house at Nazareth or perhaps one of the other disciples houses, we know that at least, on one Sabbath, he went into Peter's house.

Mother-In-Law was ill and so forth. But Jesus doesn't answer them the whole time. Is going through the crowds, the crowds are so great and they probably have not been, you know, they were already so great that. When the woman touched him. You remember, Peter and all the apostles? Well Peter and all the disciples said the crowds thronged about you so much.

And you say who touched you probably after raising a girl from the dead? The crowds were not decreased but rather increased And so as you read the text, and you think about what it's describing here, these two men are so convinced that Jesus is the son of David. That he is the promised Prophet priest, and especially King their savior.

Not only who can have mercy on them, but who is inclined whose heart of compassion to those who are needy and you come here, With need if you have never had faith in Jesus Christ.

If you've never been joined to him, you come here with the need to be rescued from the wrath of God, from the glory of God, burning against you from ever for forever and ever.

And if you are a Christian, you are one who has come to know your need better. One, who knows? Your need not only for your sanctification for growth and Holiness for even a right. Heart towards him working in us to will let alone. Um, In addition to behaving working in us to work according to his good pleasure but you know that you need him for everything.

And they are convinced. That it is, the character of Our Redeemer. To love us to have mercy on us to meet those needs. And so Jesus, provokes, their faith doesn't he by going along. Do you think he doesn't hear them the whole time? Do you think he isn't paying attention?

No, he goes all the way. And he gets to the house and he goes inside now, the multitudes cannot fit into the house. But notice who are so bold. As to go and press into the house. And when he had come into the house, the blind men came to him all that.

The Lord would give you the spiritual sight of these blind men, who would be with Christ? Like we just read and heard about in Isaiah 62 both at the beginning in verse 1, where Jesus says and it's verse it's Jesus in verse one, he is not going to relent Is going to make sure.

That Zion comes into her into her glory into her beauty into her praise. But also, he appoints Watchmen to pray and not give up. Oh, may you never give up coming to Christ? He provokes them. To Faith, he provokes them to Faith the second way. We need to come into the house, verse 28.

The blind man came to him and Jesus said to them. Do you believe that I'm able to do this? Hey, of course they do. Why else would they have done all of this? But do you see what he does by asking them the question. This is a this is A merciful question drawing out of of them their faith so that when he touches them and when he heals them he can identify their healing with himself that that they are healed because of who Jesus is what they believe about him.

That healing and all of Salvation. Come. And the Lord Jesus Christ. And so he asks them, do you believe That I am able to do this. It is a pastoral. Spiritual question. Similar, perhaps, literally or interactively. Uh, to when God asks Adam, Did you eat of the fruit? Of the Children, when when Adam had eaten, the fruit of the tree was God.

Unsure. Did he need to know? If Adam had really done that, why would God ask him that? Is he not bringing Adam then to What he has done to admit it to himself. Well, here Jesus asks, do you believe that I am able to do this? Because he is bringing these two men to the awareness.

That it is Jesus himself and Faith, especially in him. By which not only are they healed? But according to all that, they believe about him. He gives to them. So, he provokes, their faith by his question. Do you believe that I am able to do this? They answer Uh they say to him.

Yes, Lord and he affirms their faith by his answer when he says, He touches their eyes and says, according to your faith. Let it be to you. To hear what Jesus is saying there. He's not just saying. Okay. You are going to be able to visually receive that portion of the electromagnetic magnetic spectrum that we call visible light, and the rods and your cones, your rods and cones are going to function properly.

And the information is going to be transmitted by your optic nerve to your brain. Which will properly process them and you will have what men call sight. Now he says, according to your faith. Let it be to you. All that they had believed Jesus to be. Jesus would be to them.

He is the promised one. He has crushed the Serpent's head, he is taking the Throne of David. He is going to rule Heaven and Earth forever and ever. He is going to give them Mercy and life. They are going to. Be saved. Jesus is a great physician. You remember that?

Back in verse 12, we've taken several weeks to get here. So it seems like a long time ago, just 50 15 verses ago. Uh, or so says those who are, well, have no need of a physician, but those who are sick, Especially Jesus. Has come to atone for their sin.

To give them forgiveness. For he did not come to call the righteous, but Sinners to repentance and he heals them. He heals you of the guilt of your sin. He heals you of sins, power over you. And if according to your faith, it will be to you. And you believe in Jesus.

Well, he is a savior who saves all the way. And you will be delivered, even from the presence. Of your sin. So that The new heavens and the new Earth, not only, will there be no blindness and no muteness. There'll be no sorrow. There'll be no sin. Whatsoever. So, their They're healing is in accord with their faith.

Uh, note that this doesn't mean that their healing is as great as the greatness of their faith. Now this doesn't mean that that healing is according to the power of their faith. Don't let Don't let false teachers, don't let preaching Liars. Uh, deceive you This has nothing to do with how well they believed and to do with what Jesus could do.

That was the question. You believe that I am able, and then he says, according to your faith, Does is your faith able do you believe well enough in me? No. The power of faith is not the strength of the faith. It's the strength of the one in whom the faith believes.

And it is according to, then to the power of Jesus. Faith is neither an ability, nor a worthiness. Their faith did not earn from Jesus, the power. No, their faith recognized that in. Jesus is power in Jesus is all worthiness when you are saved and according in accordance with your faith, It is because Jesus is whom you believed him to be.

God, the son. Who became a man. And who is the anointed Prophet priest and King to redeem, you As your mediator. And so we see in the first place that Jesus opens the eyes of the blind, And you cry out to him. That he would open your eyes and if your eyes are opened that he would give you more and more to see him as he is for.

Indeed, you see, as in a mirror dimly But in the scriptures in that which is perfect, the perfect picture of Christ has come And you are waiting for your vision to catch up. And God, the Holy spirit will help you to see Christ more and more. Some of you have had this sweet and Rich experience in your walk with the Lord, as you understand more and more and you see more and more clearly who Jesus is and what he has done and how he applies it to you and what he has gained for you The Lord give us sight to see him.

And the more we see him, the better, we'll see ourselves. In the second place, Jesus opens. The mouths of the mute. Verse 30, their eyes were opened And Jesus. Groaning. Admonish them. Saying see no one knows. And when they had departed. Now, all of that is more literal. Than what we have.

Paraphorastically translated and not just in our translation. But in many translations this word that is translated sternly is a word that appears I think four other times in the whole new testament, And in three of them, it is referring to Jesus groaning within himself. It is. It communicates a great depth of emotion.

And when he says see no one knows. Now. If you have, for instance, The English version that we commonly read in our pulpits or in this Pulpit. You'll see that the word that and the word it are in italics. It's a very kind of abrupt. Uh, statement and it can be read the way that it is translated here.

I'm not saying this is a false translation, I'm just saying, if you read it more literally and you And you take into account what the Lord has just done to them and then he gives them a command to see. Right. Their physical eyes are opened, but he refers. He tells them.

You know, if you got blind men, whose physical eyes are opened, you might say, see this flower, see that bird. See this butterfly, see this beautiful craft see. He commands them to see, no one knows. And the, the conjunction at the beginning of verse 31 is not the strong adversative.

Those of you who know, Greek is not the word, Allah. It has nothing to do with the Arabic word. Allah. But the, the Greek word, which is a a word that means, but in a way that says not this, but that no, it's a conjunction that sometimes means, but then this But most often it's actually translated and And so in this case again, let me read it to you having given you all that explanation.

And their eyes were opened and Jesus groaning. Admonished them saying, see no one knows. And when they had departed.

Made him famous. In all that country. They spread his Fame. In all that country. And the reason I'm translating it that way is because it is actually The similar word, this one has a prefix on it in verse 26 when it said and the report of this went out into all that land.

Uh, that was That was the fame word. Uh this one is made a little bit stronger by the the preposition on it but they they made him famous they spread his Fame and it is the word from which we get, our English word Fame. That's why we're using that word.

So the word report in verse 26 and now the word news or spread news in verse 31, spread the news is Translate that one verb. They made him famous. In all that country. Jesus had opened their eyes but he really opened their mouths, didn't he? And if your eyes have been open to see who Jesus is and you know what he has done but not just what he has done for you.

But whom he has shown himself to be Then by The Same Grace that opened your eyes in faith to see him, May the Holy Spirit, open your mouth to spread his Fame. So that they don't go around talking about how great sight is. They've become advocates for the glories of sightedness.

But they come and they spread to the fame of Jesus, who is the son of David? Who is the promised one? Who is the anointed Prophet priest? And King the mediator, the Redeemer, who is the king? Who is God himself? Who is not only able to save but inclined towards Mercy.

Loves to save and who saves out of love.

The same Grace that opens our eyes to see this about, Jesus, should loose, our tongues should open our mouths to say this about Jesus, And we ought to rebuke ourselves. Whenever we have had an opportunity to tell of Christ and something in us shrinks from it, whether it's unbelief, it won't make a difference.

Whether it's, it's fear of what they will think of you or even fear of Of some material or Earthly loss. How could we be kept mute? About who Jesus is. And what he has done.

Our mouths were made for the worship of God. They made him famous. I wonder. Loved congregation. Is Jesus famous. With those. That you talk to. Maybe they don't esteem him, like you do. But they know you to be one of those people who is making Jesus famous Wherever you go.

You just won't stop talking about him. If they know anything about you. They know that you do CrossFit. If they know anything about, they know that you're keto. They know that you're gluten free. They know your political. Uh, leanings. They? About some sports team, God forbid They know about some musician.

God also forbid. No, no, no. If they know one thing about you. It's that you believe Jesus to be. Whom he has revealed himself to be to these two men. And by this scripture, To you. Doesn't mean that you keep casting pearls before swine. But that you are the kind of person who where you go.

Jesus is made famous. He also opens the mouths of the multitudes or sorry, their third, he opens the mouths of this mute man. As they went out behold, they brought to him a man mute and demon possessed. And then we find out in verse 30 33. Sorry that he was mute because he was demon-possessed.

Because when the demon was cast out, notice how it says it passively it doesn't describe the healing. It doesn't say what Jesus said. It doesn't say what Jesus did because the point in verse 33 is not about the healing or the exorcism, the, uh, the casting out of the demon.

The point is what the casting out of the demon caused. The demon was cast out, the mute spoke. What he's showing us here is that this demon is trying to keep the mouth shut. Now, we don't have Uh space in a sermon, to do a lot of demonology and Demons desires to Destroy the image of God and harm people and create fear and hide the knowledge of what is there and and manufacture lies and falsehoods causing people to see or think things that are not there and you know all of those things.

In this particular case. Where we are seeing that mouths, are, especially for spreading the fame of Jesus Christ. The glory of God, in his son in whom the Triune God has especially now revealed himself and revealed himself as a king and Savior. The Demon's object is to keep the mouth shut.

But as we've already spoken in a way in our introduction, That I hope has been convicting to us and helped us think a little bit about the, the proliferation, the multiplication of words, in our society, especially in the Telecommunication and the, the digital communication age, and all of that, the original purpose of words, For the communication of the image of God, to the glory of God and communication about God.

There is nothing more demonic. Than to attempt to shut down. The worship of the Living God. In the way he has designed to be worshiped. This was the great lie to begin with. You shall be like, God, not Imaging him. Calling, what he calls. Good good and calling what he calls evil evil.

But you can determine for yourself. What is good and for yourself? What is evil. You can put yourself in the place of God. The. Is that which says to exchange the creature for the Creator? The. Is what gets us? To use our mouths. Not to communicate ourselves as image of God.

For the worship of God. But to communicate ourselves as those who desire to make other things in our image, For the worship of us. And so there is a muteness that is worse. Than the

inability to compress air over, your vocal cords, and shape your mouth and your tongue in such a way that the sounds come out as intelligible speech.

And it is the Demonic muteness. Of not speaking, the praise of God. And especially now that God has revealed himself in these last days in and by his son, it is the Demonic muteness. Of not speaking, the praise of Jesus Christ. As God. And of the Triune God in his son.

And Jesus has opened in a saving way the mouths of the Blind Men. We actually don't know. If the if the formerly mute man is saved, but there's A bunch more. Mouths, open in verse 33 and the multitudes marveled saying. It was never seen like this in Israel. What they're saying is, Jesus is.

The promised Prophet. As they're saying, it's never seen like this in Israel, even in Israel. Where else then would such things have been seen? But even in Israel, where they had had, All of the plagues and the Miracles of Moses in the wilderness. Or all of the Miracles of Elijah.

Or the twice the number of Elijah Miracles of Elisha. And yet, for all of those Miracles, by all of those prophets, That had never been seen, like this. You hear what they're saying? It's implied. This is the prophet like unto Moses. This is the prophet greater than Moses. This is the Messiah.

And yet the Pharisees remain mute. Verse 34. But the Pharisees said he casts out demons. By the ruler of the Demons.

Now, there's something very sobering. Well, there's something very sobering about verse 34 as well. But there's something sobering and frightening, about the end of verse Three or the second half of verse 33. Because you can, if you are not given spiritual sight, If Jesus doesn't give you spiritual sight and spiritual speech.

Meaning, his, holy spirit, opens your eyes in faith, and he opens your mouth in, Praise and in worship of him. You can for a Time, Speak the way. The people in verse 33 spoke, But though, when it comes, A couple years later. To the time of his crucifixion. The multitudes will cry out for his death.

You see, just learning to speak christianese. Just learning to talk. The gospel way because you're in a gospel. Does not mean your mouth has really been opened. With the praise of Jesus Christ. No for that. It takes a change of the heart. So that it's not just out of the Overflow of a heart that wishes to feel good by itself and good about itself and esteemed by others, the mouth speaks, the things that will make itself feel good and others think well of me.

The kind of opening of the mouth we're talking about is when Jesus grants that change of mind, that change of heart, that change of nature. You remember all the way back in chapter three, when we were hearing first, John. And then Jesus say, repent, have your mind, the character of your mind changed.

For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. That which he's going to tell the Apostles to preach. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand in verse 7 of the next chapter. We need our mouths opened. By the opening of the eyes that is not these eyes. But the faith that the Holy Spirit gives, To those who are born dead born blind.

Because those who, at one time said, it was never seen like this in Israel. If it isn't from a changed heart from God. They may end up joining one day. Those who say He casts out demons. By the ruler of demons. So the Lord open your mouth. The Lord open your mouth, dear congregation but the Lord open your mouth from a heart that has been changed.

Who knows these things to be true about Jesus, because you've been given spiritual sight and who will not be silent, who are bothered that other people don't know these things about Jesus. So that he comes and he says see no one knows or in conversation providentially, he says, see, he doesn't know or you have a conversation with someone else here.

And see she doesn't know May God all the Holy Spirit, open your mouth to spread his Fame and to say, Who else? Has ever done anything like this. Who else could he be? But our creator. The promised one. Our Prophet priest, prophet priest and King. Our Redeemer. Oh, let us come to him and see him by his grace and worship him.

Who is worthy of it and cry out to him to have mercy on us, knowing his patience and Readiness to answer trusting in him with that faith, that he would respond to you saying, according to your faith, according to the truth that he is whom you believe him to be that you would come and trust in him whose salvation is Almighty because he is Almighty and eternal because he is eternal and perfect and blessedness because he is perfect in his goodness.

Come and draw near to him. Much. It seems to you that you are being ignored as he provokes you to Faith come and draw near to him. Press into the house refuse to be separated from him. Give him no rest by your prayer. Come to him who loves with more tenderness and compassion.

Then we can understand or Express that we will need the continual Improvement of our site. And speech to understand and to express. Come to the Lord Jesus and see him. And speak of him to others. And speak his praise even to him in worship. Let's pray.

Lord Jesus. Thank you for Carrying Along by your spirit, all of those men who prophesied beforehand. Who wondered about whom and about what time. They were even writing. Thank you for. Carrying. Levi. Matthew. In his. Much of this. Apparently even took place. Thank you for carrying him by your spirit.

Put pen to. Paper. That we might have your words about yourself. And thank you for your promise, and your word that your spirit uses. Your word and especially your word preached. And so we ask that you would be whom we know you to be. We know we don't believe it with the strength that we should.

But O Lord, grant that according to our faith. So it would be to us. That according to your power and your worthiness. Your spirit now would use your word. To further, open our eyes and open our mouths for. We ask it, in your name. And your people say, Amen.