Matthew #8 (Matthew 9:27-34)
Two healings at Capernaum (three people) unique to Matthew

I. Let us Look at the Healing of the Two Blind Men
   A. To Jairus' daughter He gives life, to blind men He gives light!
   B. Blind men appeal to Christ as "Son of David" - Title for Messiah- Is. 9:7
      1. Prophecy said that Messiah would open blind eyes- Isaiah 35:5
   C. They ask for "mercy" - more of temporal help than eternal (grace)
   D. v. 28- One of times Lord seems to discourage those appealing to Him
      1. "Goes into house" - teaching value of persevering in prayer
      2. They persevere by following into house - Don't know whose house
      3. Jesus may want miracle to be done in relative privacy
      4. Jesus asks whether they have faith that He can do this- do we?
         a. Their answer should always be our answer - "Yes Lord"
         b. Not just "Son of David" but God (Lord) - Ps. 146:8; Ex. 4:11
      5. Difference between Lord's words and disciples- Acts 3:12
   E. v. 29 -Jesus touches their eyes- This was not necessary for Him
      1. But always did some action with blind-Matt. 20:34; Mk. 8:23; Jn 9:6, 7
   F. v. 30 - Jesus commands that they don't tell anyone about this
      1. Gave different command to Gadarean demoniac- Mark 5:19
         a. This was not an area that Jesus usually ministered
      2. Normally followed this procedure- Matt. 8:4; Matt. 12:15, 16
      3. This also teaches us importance of humility-Prov. 25:27
      4. Also makes message greater than miracle-Lu. 16:31; Rom. 10:17
      5. He "sternly charged them" - Word means to roar or to snort

II. Let us Look at the Healing of the Mute Demon Possessed Man
   A. v. 32- Again Matthew uses word "Behold" (idou) something great
      1. Demon activity very strong at this time- many different affects of it
      2. Greek word for "mute" can also mean that he was deaf
         a. Healing of deaf and mute was also sign of Messiah- Is. 35:6
   B. v. 33- Crowd response- Never had anything like this been seen
   C. v. 34 - Pharisees response- Attribute to Satan
      1. This is close to unpardonable sin - Matthew 12:24 - 32

III. Let us Look at Some Lessons from These Stories
   A. Remember that all these stories are to show Jesus as Sin Forgiver
      1. Like these people we are dead, unclean, blind and mute
         a. Ephesians 2:1; Luke 24:31; Romans 3:19
   B. Deaf man not commanded to not speak- 1st words should be about God
   C. Different responses in stories show us different responses to Christ
      1. Pharisees accuse Him of being from Satan- blasphemers
         a. Typical of most people-
      2. Crowd - Believe Christ is special- but don't confess His Lordship
      3. People healed - Testify of fact that He is promised Messiah
   D. Satan's work is always destructive- to bind - Luke 16:13; John 10:10