

## **Lesson 22: The Blind See and the Mute Speak**

Matthew 9:27-34; Isaiah 32:3-4 & 35:1-7

- I. **THE SON OF DAVID** (27)—first time this title is used in Matthew’s Gospel
  - A. **The Messiah King** (2 Sam 7:12-13; Mat 1:20; Isa 9:2, 7)
    1. **Descendant of David**—Jesus inherited His title through Joseph, His legal father
    2. **Heir to David’s Eternal Throne**—the Ultimate King would establish peace forever
  - B. **The Great Restoration** (Isa 32:1-4 & 35:1-7; Rom 8:18-23)—comprehensive salvation, reversing the Curse, bringing Shalom
    1. **Our Bodies**—the blind, lame, deaf and mute will be healed—even death
    2. **The Land**—the desert will be transformed into a place of springs and vegetation
    3. **Our Souls**—restored relationship with God; freedom from Satan and sin
      - a. **Exorcism**—driving out demons, setting people free from the bondage of Satan
      - b. **Forgiveness of Sins**—restoring fellowship with God
    4. **The Kingdom of God** (Isa 42:6-7 & 49:6)—*Eternal Shalom on Earth*
- II. **THE BLIND** (27-31; Ps 146:8; Isa 6:10 & 29:9-12 & 42:6-7; Jn 8:12)—In the dark
  - A. **Physical Disability**—an amazing miracle
  - B. **Spiritual Perception**—God must open spiritual eyes to see Jesus, understand the gospel
    1. **The incapacity to understand spiritual things** (1 Cor 2:14)
    2. **The inability to recognize Christ** (2 Cor 4:4; Mat 11:25)
    3. **The blinded minds of unbelievers**—should inspire compassion, drive us to prayer
- III. **THE MUTE** (32-33; Isa 32:4; 2 Cor 4:4)—obstructed communication
  - A. **A Case of Demon Possession**
    1. **Illness is not always caused by demons**—distinguished from usual illness
    2. **Demons can cause physical ailments**—this bondage took a physical form

**B. The Physical Disability**

1. **Social Disability**—awkward/ frustrating to converse, people tend to avoid or ignore
2. **Emotional Isolation**—Intimacy is impossible without words to express our souls

**C. The Spiritual Application**—our inability to witness without a work of the Holy Spirit

1. **Jesus (“the Word of God”) is God’s ultimate communication.**
2. **Satan tries to silence our witness.**
3. **The Spirit of Jesus empowers us to speak.**

**IV. THE RESPONSE (27-28, 33-34)**

**A. Faith of the Blind Men (27-28; Jn 20:29)**—believed in Jesus as Lord and Christ

1. **Heard the Witness**
2. **Recognized the Messiah**
3. **Spoke to Jesus and received His healing touch**

**B. Amazement of the Crowds (33b)**—wowed by but not committed

1. **Impressed by the Miracles**
2. **Did not commit to Jesus**
3. **Spoke about Jesus**—caught up in a popular movement

**C. Incredulity of the Pharisees (34)**—hatred and slander

1. **Willful Unbelief**—hardness of heart, refusal to believe
2. **Committed to Opposition**—siding with Satan
3. **Spoke against Jesus**—stooping to slander

**V. THE MERCY OF CHRIST (27)**

**A. God’s mercy is expressed in Jesus.**

**B. Christ brings comprehensive restoration.**

**C. Ours is a very great salvation!**