

Matthew 9:32-35  
"Jesus Heals Mute  
("Dumb") Man"

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## 1. Introduction

- a. Demon possession takes many strange forms
  - in this case, man could not speak
  - Jesus leaves home after healing 2 blind men
  - Jesus is back in city streets
- b. Some people in crowd brought demon possessed man to Jesus
- c. Jesus removes demon from man's life
- d. Demon leaves, man speaks
  - demon was cause of man not speaking
  - people knew difference between medical problem & demon possession

## 2. "Dumb" (Mute) Man Had Demon

- a. Old English word does not mean stupid
  - in this case, "dumb" means mute (not able to speak)
- b. Another case where demon caused blind & unable to speak (Mt 12:22)
- c. Another time demons in herd of pigs caused crazy insane behavior (Mt 8:31-32)
  - pig herd did not follow normal instincts of pig behavior
  - Jesus understood all about demons
  - demons cannot do anything without Jesus' permission
- d. Bible instructs all Christians to "test every spirit" (1 Jn 4:1-3)
  - many false prophets in world
  - test question: "Has Jesus come (born) in the flesh?"  
\* means: Is Jesus Christ human?
- e. Demon possession is not psychological problem or mental illness

3. Jesus Throws Out Demon
- Demon thrown out of man
  - Now man can speak
  - Everyone in crowd in shock
    - positive reaction from crowd
    - this kind of action not seen in Israel

4. Multitudes Marveled
- Common people in crowd often surprised in good way to Jesus' good works
    - Mt 12:23 Another time in similar situation
    - Crowd starts to pay attention to Jesus' teaching
  - They notice how Jesus is different from other rabbis & teachers

5. Pharisees Blasphemed
- But pharisees teachers of Jewish religious laws in Israel
  - They were beyond skeptical
    - they were hostile to Jesus ministry
  - They claimed Jesus power came from from the head power ruler of demons
    - compare similar situation (Mt 12:24)
  - Pharisees as a group did not want to say that Jesus power came from God
  - Pharisees likely saw Jesus in competition to their status as religious leaders
  - Look at divide between Jesus teaching & their teaching
    - Nicodemus in John 3:1-21 - LIVING FAITH
    - \* "You must be born again"
    - \* Pharisee teaching, "Observe these religious rituals" - DEAD FAITH

6. Jesus Continued
- Jesus continued in His ministry of teaching & preaching
    - He continued healing people in need
  - Jesus did not pause or stop His ministry