

The Power of the King—Part 10

Matthew 9:27-38

Introduction: Quoting (Isa. 7:14) vs. Showing (Isa. 35:4-6; 61:1-2)

I. Jesus' Power D_____ (vs. 27-33)

- a. **two blind men** = the most prevalent condition Jesus is recording healing (cf. Ps. 146:8; Isa. 29:18; 35:5; 42:7, 16, 18; Matt. 9:27-31; 11:5; 20:29-34; 21:14; Mark 8:22-26; 10:46-52; John 9:1-7)
- b. **crying out** = *krazō* (κράζω) = "to shout or cry out...to scream"
 - i. a present active participle = continued action
- c. **Son of David!** = one of the most common terms for the Messiah (cf. 2 Sam. 7; 13:1; 2 Chron. 1:1; Matt. 15:22; 20:30-31; 21:9, 15; 22:42; Mark 10:47-48; 12:35; Luke 18:38-39; John 7:42; Acts 2:29-30; Rom. 1:3; 2 Tim. 2:8; Rev. 5:5; 22:16; Matt. 21:9; 22:42)
- d. Jesus waited for a verbal attestation of their faith.
- e. **Lord** = *kyrios* (κύριος) = "a title for God and for Christ...one who exercises supernatural authority over mankind—"Lord, Ruler, One who commands"
- f. **a mute** = *kōphos* (κωφός) = "pertaining to being unable to hear" but often used to refer to both being deaf & mute
- g. There is NO mention of faith, just Jesus' power displayed (cf. Isa. 35:4-6)

II. The Jewish Leaders Unbelief D_____ (v. 34)

- a. The Pharisees could not refute Jesus' miracles so they blamed His power on Satan **Beelzebul** or **Baal-zebul** (Βεελζεβούλ) = "Baal, the prince" the chief false god of the Philistines

- b. "The Unpardonable Sin" (Matt. 12:31; cf. Matt. 10:25; 12:22-37; 25:41; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15; John 7:20)
 - i. What makes this sin unforgivable is that it rejects the only source of forgiveness! (cf. John 14:6)

III. Jesus' Compassion D_____ (v 35-36)

- a. Verse 35 is the second half of an Inclusio = "a literary device based on a concentric principle, also known as bracketing or an envelope structure, which consists of creating a frame by placing similar material at the beginning and end of a section" (cf. Matt. 4:23)
 - i. Chapters 4 to 9 in Matthew has been one long section of evidence proving that Jesus is the King and His kingdom is at hand!
- b. Our Great High Priest also has great **compassion** (cf. Heb. 4)
- c. He is also our Good Shepherd who feeds, comforts, heals, guides, and protects His sheep. (cf. John 10:11; Ezek. 34)
- d. **"¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."** (John 3:17)

IV. Now What? (vs. 37-38)