



Jesus Heals A Dumb Man

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There are many problems people encounter in life. These problems may appear to be purely physical but some have underlying spiritual problems that feed and sustain their physical manifestations, as illustrated in this miracle by Jesus.

“As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. 33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. 34 But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils” (Matthew 9:32-34). We learn the following from this story:

- 1) This is another unique contribution by Matthew not recorded in other gospels. There is a similar healing of a dumb in Luke 11:14-15 but it appears to link more to the one in Matthew 12:22-24 than this one.
- 2) This man was dumb, but his condition was due to demonic activity. Medical treatment alone would not have been able to alleviate his condition. Ignoring the spiritual side of things could lead to wrong analysis and wrong prescription that would not solve the problem.
- 3) On being brought to Him, Jesus recognised the underlying problem and dealt with its source rather than on the symptoms, and this man got his healing. Problems must be dealt with at their root level for the solution to be effective and lasting. And this calls for discerning the spirits - “by their fruits ye shall know them”.
- 4) Although this problem had a demonic origin, it would be wrong to adopt the wrong attitude of demonising everything or problem a person has.
- 5) If you were to know that the problem you have is not physical, would that change the way you handle it?
- 6) “As they went out” (vs 32) is in references to

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the house where the two blinds were healed.

- 7) The dumb was brought by others probably because the demons would not have allowed him to come on his own. There is an important lesson here about helping those who cannot help themselves. “Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction” (Proverbs 31:8). This dumb person was appointed to destruction by the demons, but these helpers averted that, and you too can!
- 8) He immediately recovered his ability to speak when the devil was cast out of him. Once you remove the fire, the smoke will stop.
- 9) God has given us similar powers and promises to heal and deliver “These signs shall follow them that believe” (Mark 16:17-18). “Behold I give unto you power...” (Luke 10:19). If we exercise the power God has given us, we will see the manifestation of His glory in our situations. He promised “Call upon me and I will answer you...” (Jeremiah 33:3). The miracles we desire are just a call away!
- 10) The multitudes were marvelled by the miracle and made positive comments about it.
- 11) However, the Pharisees never missed opportunity for negative criticism over the good that Jesus had done. Let us learn a lesson here that modern day Pharisees will speak, but we must not be deterred by their criticisms nor refrain from doing good because of it.

Determine to be a vessel of honour and channel of blessings to those in your environment.