



The Limitlessness Of Divine Resources

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This episode in Jesus ministry from Matthew's account occurred after the healing of the daughter of the Syrophenician woman. Mark's account highlighted that Jesus travelled from there to the sea of Galilee through the region of the Decapolis, which could explain the source of this large crowd. It is probable that it was during this ministration that he healed the deaf and dumb reported in Mark 7:31-37.

“And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there. 30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: 31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel” (Matthew 15:29-31).

- 1) “... and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there” (vs 29). **Jesus selected His routes and stops in such a manner as to maximise the potential and impact of His ministry.** As our time on earth is limited, wisdom demands that we plan the activities and routines of life in such a way that maximises our impact for the Kingdom of God, as well as avoid unnecessary distractions.
- 2) “He went up into a mountain, and sat down there” (vs 29). **Remember that He was headed to the sea of Galilee, but seeing the multitude that needed His help, he took a turn, went up into a mountain and sat down. Flexibility matters!** Had he gone straight to the sea of Galilee and took a boat across it, in order to save time to his next destination, these multitudes would have missed their opportunity for miracles. **Being adaptable, He sat down, giving opportunity to those who were carrying the sick up, to get to Him.**

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they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel” (Matthew 15:31).

- 3) Great multitudes came, but they did not just come alone. They carried with them “those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus's feet” (vs 30). The types of the sick suggests that while some like the blind and dumb could be guided up the mountain, others like the lame and maimed had to be carried as they could not walk on their own. Carrying sick human beings up the mountain was not the easiest of tasks. This reminds us that we must be willing to pay the necessary price if we are to reap the benefits of miracles.
- 4) “and He healed them” (vs 30). Jesus did not run away from his responsibilities that is why he sat down and waited for all the sick to be brought and cast down at His feet, following which He healed them. He ministered to individuals as well as to the multitudes. God's power is not limited. He can heal one person or a multitude all at the same time. **If we are to get the best that God has for us, we must not set rules for God, but simply open up by faith and allow God to work in us and through us as He wills.**
- 5) “the multitude wondered, ... and they glorified the God of Israel” (vs 31). How spectacular was it for the multitude to watch the dumb speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see! Praise and worship is appropriate response to divine miraculous intervention in the affairs of man. Even now, when we count our blessings, we will always find many reasons to thank, praise and glorify God.