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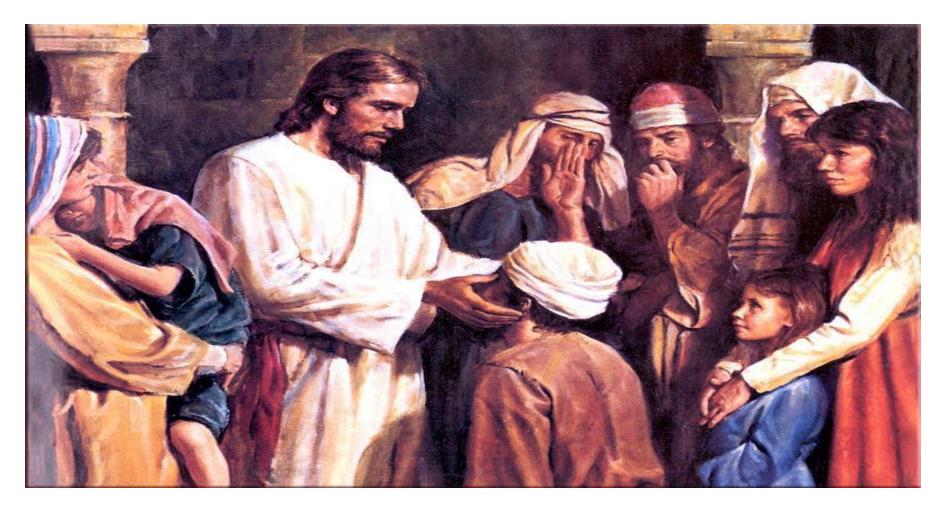
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THE OIRACLES OF JESUS

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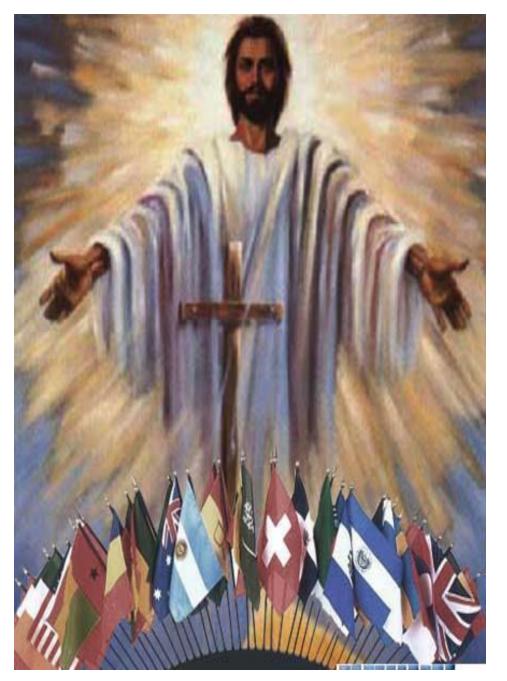


THE HEALING OF THE DEMON-POSSESSED MUTE MAN MATTHEW 9:32-38

INTRODUCTION

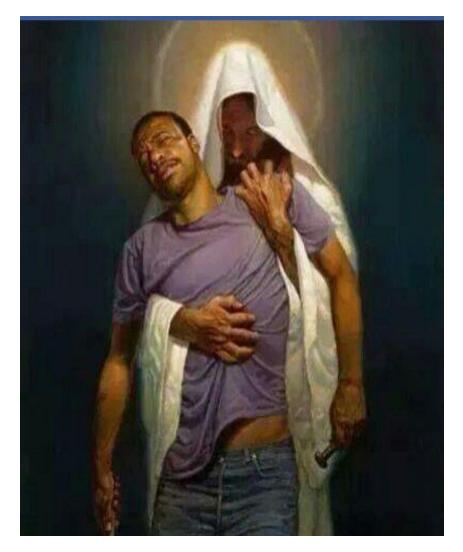
- The miracles of Jesus are what makes Him stand out more than any historical figure in mankind's history.
- Five key miracles of Matthew 9:
 - The healing of the paralytic
 - The healing of the woman with the issue of blood (who touched the hem of his garment).
 - The restoration to life of a ruler's daughter.
 - The healing of the two blind men.
 - The healing of the demon-possessed mute man.

- The miracles of Jesus (in Matthew 9) tell us something about Jesus...
 - That He has the authority and power to forgive sins
 - That He has the authority and power over diseases and disabilities.
 - That He has the authority and power over death itself.
 - That He has the authority and power over demonic forces.
- However, the miracles of Jesus are not recorded for us for sensationalism, emotionalism, nor mysticism, but to lead us to respond to Him with personal faith.



- LESSON: The response of <u>personal faith</u> in the Lord is more important that a response of <u>emotional</u> <u>amazement</u> at a miracle of the Lord.
- From the healing of the demon-possessed mute man in Matthew 9:32-34, we will look at three reasons.

MIRACLES LEAD TO AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CHRIST



- Miracles Lead Us To Realize Our Helpless, Hopeless Condition
- Miracles Lead Us To Realize The Compassion Of Christ.
- Point: Miracles Lead Us To Consider Whether Or Not Jesus Is A Liar, A Lunatic, Or Lord.

- What you believe about Jesus will determine if you believe in Jesus.
- If the **object** of your faith is fake, flawed, and faithless, you faith in that object is **futile**.
- In order for your faith to be **beneficial**, the object of your faith must be true, truthful, and trustworthy.



ACKNOWDEGEMENT OF CHRIST LEADS TO FAITH IN CHRIST

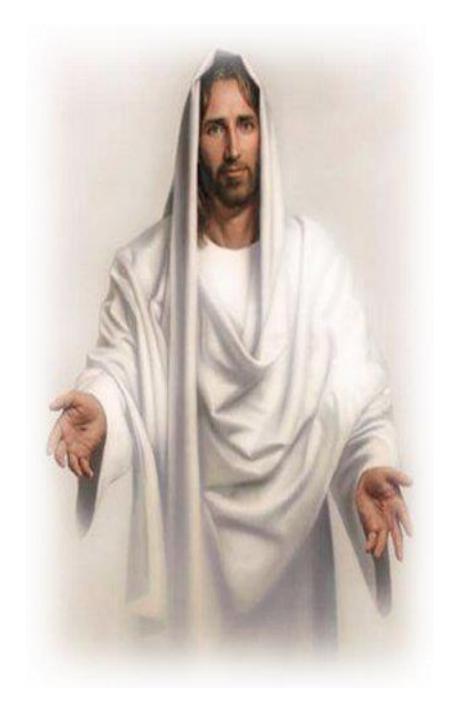


- The Response Of The Multitudes: Amazement But No Faith!!
 - The Fascination: The crowd marveled at the sensationalism of the miracle.
 - The Frankness: Many in the crowd admitted to the uniqueness of what they had just seen.
 - The Futility: The crowd recognized and acknowledged the power of Jesus to heal and cast out demons, but they did not recognize Him as Saviour and Lord!!

- The Response Of The Pharisees:
 Acknowledgement But Hardened Opposition!!
 - The Acknowledgement:
 The Pharisees did not
 deny the miracle nor
 Jesus' ability to perform
 miracles.
 - The Attitude: The Pharisees choose to believe that Jesus was an agent of Satan, in spite of the evidence of the miracle.



- What you know about Christ (or think you know about Christ) will determine whether or not you recognize the truthfulness of Christ.
- If you reject the information about Christ as false, a myth, a legend, a fairy tale, then you will reject the truthfulness of Christ--you will NOT put your trust in Him.
- If you accept the information about Christ as true, you still have to decide whether or not you trust Him.
- You can be fascinated with Jesus and acknowledge facts about Him, and not trust Him as Saviour.



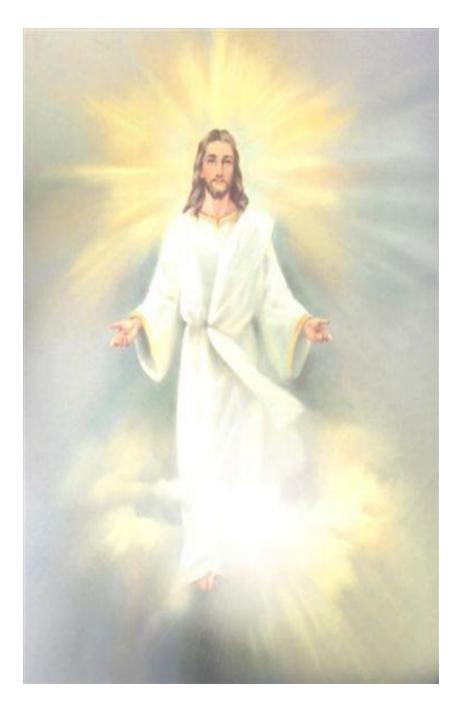
FAITH IN CHRIST LEADS TO LIVING LIKE CHRIST

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

• The ministry of Jesus

- Teaching (i.e., teaching people how to live for God).
- Preaching the gospel of the kingdom (i.e., giving hope concerning the future kingdom of God)
- Healing every sickness and disease (i.e., showing compassion based on the love of God)

- The Compassion of Jesus: Jesus was moved with compassion for the multitudes, because they were weary and scattered like sheep having no shepherd
- The Desire of Jesus: Jesus desired that the Father would send out laborers into His harvest (which is plentiful, i.e., ready to be harvested)



- The Concept: One's Faith In Christ Will Naturally Lead To Being Like Christ
 - You will <u>do</u> what Jesus does
 - You will teach others how to live for God
 - You will give others hope of God's future kingdom
 - You will show compassion to those who are physical, emotional, and physiological need
 - You will <u>feel</u> as Jesus feels--you will have concern for the spiritual welfare of others.
 - You will want what Jesus wants
- You faith in Christ will not develop into sinful living but godly living and service for Christ.

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

You know about Christ; but do you trust Christ!?



RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- Acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, <u>died</u> on the cross for your sin, and that He <u>arose</u> again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit that you are a sinner, guilty of sin and responsible and accountable to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- **3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.