



Chapter 9:32-38

- Matt. 9:32 As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon possessed.
- Matt. 9:33 And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"
- Matt. 9:34 But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."
- Matt. 9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.
- Matt. 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.
- Matt. 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
- Matt. 9:38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Observations & Discussion

1. Look back over Matthew chapters 8 & 9 (including the verses we're looking at this evening) and make a list of all of the miracles that Jesus did.
2. What does your list tell you about Jesus' power? And what does your list teach you about your relationship with Him?
3. After observing the miracle that Jesus performed on the demon-possessed man the people cried out, "*it was never seen like this in Israel!*" In view of the fact that the same people had just seen Jesus do a number of other mighty miracles (including raising a dead girl to life) why do you think this particular miracle blew their minds?
4. Comparing verses 33 and 34 we see that the common people and the Pharisees both saw the same miracle that Jesus did; why then do you think they responded so differently to Jesus?
5. Do you think it's possible for people to respond to God's work today the way the Pharisees did? Why might people today deny the clear evidence of God's power?
6. Back to your list in question #1: next to each miracle make a note of what kind of person Jesus ministered to (Jew, Gentile, male, female, young, old, clean, unclean, etc.). What does that teach you about Jesus' attitude toward people...and what does that teach you about how Jesus wants you to respond to other people (hint – vs. 37-38).