

JESUS HEALS THE BLIND AND MUTE

MATTHEW 9:27-34; MARK 6:1-6

Wouldn't it have been something if we could have been here in the world when Jesus was here as a man and seen the miracles that He did? I think that would have been just great. But what would we have thought? What would we have done? Would we have believed that Jesus was different from other men and was really the Son of God that He claimed to be? Or would we have been like the others who thought that He was nothing special. People think either way today too, don't they? But let's listen to today's Bible Story from Matthew chapter 9.

In Capernaum Jesus had just brought a 12 year old girl back to life. As Jesus left the home, 2 blind men followed Him calling "Son of David have mercy on us." They called Jesus this because He was a relative of King David and this was a title of honour and respect among the Jews. The 2 blind men followed Jesus right into the house where He was staying. "Do you believe I am able to make you well" Jesus asked them. "O yes Lord" they replied. Then He touched their eyes and immediately they could see. "Don't tell anyone what I have done for you" Jesus told them. But they told everyone. The news of what Jesus did spread all over the country.

Then a man was brought to Jesus who could not talk because an evil spirit was in him. Jesus told the evil spirit to go away and it did. Then the man could talk again. "What wonderful things are happening today" all the people exclaimed! "We've never seen anything like this before." But some of the Jewish leaders were jealous of Jesus and hated Him. They told the people that Jesus was able to cast out devils only because Satan, the prince of the devils, was inside Jesus. What a wicked thing to say. How could they even think such a horrible thing?

Jesus now returned to Nazareth where he had grown up. He went into the Jewish church, the Synagogue, on the Sabbath day and taught the people. They were amazed at His wonderful sermon. "Where did this man get such great wisdom and power to do such great miracles" they asked. "Isn't He just the son of Joseph the carpenter and of Mary? And aren't these his brothers and sisters right here with us?" So the people in Jesus' home town actually refused to believe that He was anything special. And because they did not believe, Jesus did very few miracles among them. He healed a few sick people and that was all.

God wrote in the Bible you can never please God without faith-- without depending on Him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe there is a God and that He rewards those who sincerely look for Him. You can read that in Hebrews chapter 11 and verse 6. God can do so much for us and with us the more we give our lives over to Him. Why don't you give your life to Jesus right now? Ask Him to forgive your sin and be your Saviour, and ask Him to give you a life that is worth living for His glory. Then take time to read today's Bible Story in Matthew chapter 9 verses 27 to 34 and Mark chapter 6 verses 1 to 6.