

# The Miracles of Jesus

## Lesson Fifteen

### Casting out a Demon from a Man Both Blind and Mute

Text: Matthew 12:22-33; Mark 3:11-12, 22-30; Luke 11:14-23

#### Introduction:

1. Following His pronouncement of woes upon the cities of Galilee that rejected Him, Jesus went into the house of a Pharisee named Simon (Luke 7:36-50).
2. There, Jesus was anointed by a sinful woman and He taught the parable of the two debtors.
3. Then, He began His second tour of Galilee (Luke 8:1-3).
4. The first miracle (even the first event) on this tour demonstrates a difference in attitude toward Jesus by Jews.
5. They are much more hostile toward Him, and openly antagonistic.

#### I. The Miracle

- A. Matthew's account of this miracle records that the man was both blind and dumb (mute), and that this was associated with his being possessed by a demon. *{Mark's account does not mention a specific miracle and Luke's account only mentions a demon who was dumb. It is likely that the events in Luke occurred later in Judea.}*
  1. In previous studies, we have noticed that all disease was not linked to demon possession.
  2. We have also seen that all who were possessed by demons were not ill.
- B. Without telling us how, Matthew simply says that Jesus "healed him."
- C. His blindness was replaced with sight, and his dumbness with speech.
- D. Furthermore, the demon was cast out .

#### II. The Manifestation

- A. This miracle clearly demonstrated Jesus' power and authority over demonic forces.
- B. Thus, it also showed His deity – that He is the Son of God.
  1. Notice that some recognized Him as the Messiah, the Son of David.
  2. Yet, the Pharisees continued to reject Him and blaspheme.
- C. Notice that the Pharisees could not deny that Jesus had cast out demons.
  1. So, they tried to discredit His actions and impugn His motives.
  2. They accused Him of casting out demons by demonic power.
  3. In reply, Jesus declared that He was more powerful than Satan.
  4. Their hearts were so hardened that they attributed the power of the Holy Spirit to Satan.
  5. One in this condition of heart cannot be forgiven.

### III. The Message

- A. This poor man was completely helpless – he could not see, nor could he call out for help.
  - 1. He pictures for us one who is captured under the power of Satan.
  - 2. Sin causes many to be blind to their lost condition, deaf to the Word of God and unable (or, unwilling) to call out for help.
- B. A house divided against itself shall not stand.
- C. Jesus' power and authority was the foundation of the kingdom of God.
- D. We can judge a tree by its fruits – Jesus' actions demonstrated His nature.