

(31) Two Blind Men's Sight Restored (Mt. 9:27-31) &
(32) Mute Demoniac Healed (Mt. 9:32-34)

1. Following the raising of Jairus' daughter, two blind men sought out the Son of David (Matt. 9:27).
 - a. This is Matthew's first written healing of the blind.
 - b. Previous chronological healings of the blind include mention made by Christ to John the Baptist (Matt. 11:5; Lk. 7:21-22), mention made by Christ in His Scripture reading (Lk. 4:18), and the demon expulsion from a blind and mute demoniac (Matt. 12:22).
2. Their address to Him as the Son of David entails an understanding of the promised Messiah as the coming King (Matt. 9:27 cp. 1:1; 12:23; 15:22; 20:30,31; 21:9,15; 22:42; 2nd Sam. 7:12; Ps. 89:3; 132:11; Acts 2:29-36).
3. Jesus delays speaking to them until He reaches the privacy of the house He was headed to (Matt. 9:28).
 - a. Jesus asks them to profess their faith, and heals their blindness "according to" their faith (Matt. 9:28-29).
 - b. Jesus once again gives instructions for His miracle to not be proclaimed (Matt. 9:30-31).
4. As the formerly blind men departed, a mute demoniac is brought in (Matt. 9:32-34).
 - a. His need was spiritual rather than physiological.
 - b. Freed from the demon, the man was able to speak.
 - c. The crowds were amazed and recognize the significance of the Lord's activities.
 - d. The Pharisees publish disinformation to discredit and diminish the perceived significance of the Lord's activities. This episode comes first in Matthew's written record, but chronologically after Matt. 12:22-24.