

Jesus Heals Blind and Mute Men

Here is a **Full Breakdown** of **Matthew 9:27–34** — Jesus Heals Two Blind Men and a Mute Man — with a focus on its **structure, Greek words, cultural and theological implications**, and especially its identification as a **Messianic Miracle**.

Passage Summary

 **Matthew 9:27–34** contains two consecutive healing miracles:

1. **Verses 27–31** – Jesus heals **two blind men** who call him “*Son of David*.”
2. **Verses 32–34** – Jesus heals a **mute, demon-possessed man**, who then speaks.

These healings close a series of miracles in Matthew 8–9, showcasing Jesus’ **authority** over nature, disease, sin, and demons.

◆ Structure of Matthew 9:27–34

Verses	Event	Key Details
9:27	Two blind men follow Jesus	They cry out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”
9:28	Jesus questions their faith	“Do you believe I can do this?”
9:29–30	Jesus heals them	Touches their eyes; says “According to your faith...”
9:31	They disobey Jesus’ warning	Spread the news of their healing
9:32–33	Jesus heals a mute, demon-possessed man	The man speaks; crowds amazed
9:34	Pharisees react	Claim Jesus casts out demons by the prince of demons

Word Study & Key Phrases

“**Son of David**” (*uiòς Δαυΐδ – huios Dauid*)

- **Messianic title** (see 2 Sam 7; Isa 11:1–10).
- Acknowledges Jesus as the **promised descendant of David** who would restore Israel.

“**Do you believe...?**” (*πιστεύετε – pisteuete*)

- Root word for **faith** – same as “faith has healed you” elsewhere.
- Jesus ties **faith directly to healing**, especially for these men.

“**According to your faith be it done to you**” (*Κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὄμ牖ν*)

- Not a general formula — emphasizes **personal trust** in Jesus’ power.
- Not magic or entitlement — but **relationship and dependence**.

“**A mute man... demon-possessed**”

- In Jewish thinking, a demon that caused muteness was considered **impossible to exorcise** because exorcists needed the name of the demon to cast it out.

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Messianic Miracle Connection

What is a “Messianic Miracle”?

- Rabbinic tradition held that **certain miracles** could only be done by the Messiah.
- These were not in the Hebrew Bible but part of **Second Temple Jewish expectations**.

Three Main Messianic Miracles:

#	Miracle	Explanation
①	Healing a Jewish leper	No one had been healed of leprosy since Miriam/Naaman. See MT 8:1–4
②	Casting out a mute demon	Exorcists needed the demon's name—if the person couldn't speak, the task was considered impossible . See MT 9:32–34
③	Healing a man born blind	No precedent in Scripture. Jesus does this in JN 9

- The healing of the **mute, demon-possessed man** is **Messianic Miracle #2**.

The **Pharisees' reaction** (v.34) shows they recognized the **uniqueness** of the event, but instead of acknowledging Jesus as Messiah, they **attribute His power to Satan**.



Historical & Cultural Background

Healing the Blind

- Healing from blindness is a **Messianic expectation** in **Isaiah 35:5–6** and **Isaiah 42:6–7**.
- Blindness symbolized **spiritual darkness**; healing implied **restoration of true sight**—both physical and spiritual.

Demon Possession and Exorcism

- Jewish exorcists used **rituals and incantations** (cf. Josephus).
- Jesus performs this **with a word**, and without requiring the demon's name — **unprecedented**.



Comparison Chart: Blind & Mute Healings

Detail	Two Blind Men	Mute Demon-Possessed Man
Who initiates?	The blind men	Others bring the mute man
Faith required?	Yes – Jesus questions them	Not mentioned
Jesus' method	Touches eyes, speaks	Casts out demon without formula
Result	They see	He speaks
Public reaction	They spread the news (against Jesus' order)	Crowds amazed
Pharisees' response	Not recorded	Accuse Jesus of demonic power