


# 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**” (υἱὸς Δαυίδ – *huios David*)

- **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 ὑμῶν)

- 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 <b>Jewish leper</b>   | No one had been healed of leprosy since Miriam/Naaman. See MT 8:1–4  |
| ② | Casting out a <b>mute demon</b> | Exorcists needed the demon's name—if the person couldn't speak, the task was considered <b>impossible</b> . See MT 9:32–34 |
| ③ | Healing a man <b>born blind</b> | 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   |