



## The Ministry of the King in Matthew: When the devil was cast Out!

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### Holy Text: Matthew 9:32-34

- *Mat 9:32-34 (KJV) As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. 33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. 34 But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.*
- *Mat 9:32-34 (NLT) When they left, a demon-possessed man who couldn't speak was brought to Jesus. 33 So Jesus cast out the demon, and then the man began to speak. The crowds were amazed. "Nothing like this has ever happened in Israel!" they exclaimed. 34 But the Pharisees said, "He can cast out demons because he is empowered by the prince of demons."*

### Understanding the Text:

1. After the events from the previous Text, where our LORD healed the two blind men who followed him "according to their faith," Jesus yet again has to engage in the spiritual war which always seemed to surround Him.
2. The man that was brought to him was "dumb;" that is, he was unable to speak. In this man's case, his physical infirmity was due to the presence of a devil, or in the English Standard Version, a demon.
3. The Greek word used for devil/demon is *daimonion*. It simply means "an evil spirit."
4. We aren't told how Jesus cast the devil out; just that it had been!
5. As has been the pattern, the good works of Jesus are attacked by the envious religious leaders, who attributed His great and mighty power to "the prince of devils" or Satan.
6. Very clearly, the hearts of those against Jesus was exposed. The Master said:

*Mat 12:36-37 (KJV) But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*

7. The crowds, on the other hand, were absolutely amazed (Matt 9:33) and essentially said, "Nothing like this has ever happened in Israel!" (NLT)
8. Throughout the Gospels, one can see the difference between the "unlearned" crowds, who by and large, embraced Jesus (until influenced by the religious leaders) and the leaders who should have been the quickest to recognize the time of their visitation (Luke 19:44), the Son of God in their midst.

*CRCC, may we never fall into such a state.*

*May we never lack spiritual vision to see the clarity in the Word of God and discern the activity of God around us.*

*Paul prayed this way for the Church at Ephesus; may we claim this prayer for our own:*

*"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of*

*his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." Ephesians 1:17-23 (KJV)*

### **The Bible is about...**

1. ...the redemption of mankind through the blood sacrifice of the Son of God. Scripture is about the Father's merciful rescue of His human creatures from sin, death, and hell, our lives purchased by His Christ, Jesus the Messiah (see John 20:30-31; 1 John 5:13)!
2. Alongside this central message, Scripture is also filled with other things, including the depravity of man, the call to love God and each other, moral laws, descriptions of God's wrath, and contextually today, the nature of spiritual warfare.
3. This conflict began in the first book of the Bible and rages throughout the pages of Scripture until the end...
  - From Satan entering the Garden, "successfully" tempting Eve...
  - To the angelic incursion in Genesis 6, introducing another level of evil and depravity into the human race...
  - To the constant battles of God's people with idol worship (demons are behind such things according to Lev 17:7; Deut 32:16-17; 1 Cor 10:20) in which they often failed and were judged by God...
  - To the incredible truth that there is spiritual warfare over nations, as we glimpse in Daniel chapter 10 where an angel appears to Daniel and reports:

*Daniel 10:12-13 (KJV) ...Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*

- To the constant spiritual battles in the ministry of Jesus where time after time, He confronts Satan and a multitude of devils...
- To the apostle Paul encountering the same and having to cast out devils (Acts 16:16) and declaring this truth:

*Ephesians 6:10-13 (KJV) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

## **Victory in Jesus!**

In the ministry of the King, we see devils cast out, praise God. But when the victory of Jesus is fully manifest, we will see this war finally come to an end!

*Revelation 20:7-10 (KJV) And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

Until then, fight the good fight of faith!

- *1 John 3:7-8 (KJV) Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*
- *1 John 5:4-5 (KJV) For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*
- *1 Corinthians 15:56-57 (KJV) The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Praise God!

## **Applications:**

1. First, rejoice in Jesus! The devil has been and will be cast out! Victory is ours in His Name! A question: How much do you simply rejoice in Him for the great things He has done?
2. Second, see #1! Put on some praise music and praise Him! Embrace times of personal worship and adoration. Memorize this verse this week:

*Philippians 4:4-7 (KJV) Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

3. Third, make sure your family rejoices during Family Worship! Is it fun? Is there laughter? Are your spouse and children smiling?
4. Lastly, spread the rejoicing around! Tell somebody what Jesus has done on our behalf! Be bold! He wins!