

Sermon Outline

“A New Order – The Mute Speak”

Matthew 9:32-34

I. Overview of the section – The New Order (*see* Matt 11:2-6; *cf.* 9:14)

A Question about the new way 9:14-17

B The dead live 9:18-26

C The blind see 9:27-31

B¹ The deaf hear 9:32-33

A¹ Accusation of an old way 9:34

II. The third miracle of three

A The healed blind men depart v. 32a

B A man enters mute v. 32b

C A demon possesses the man v. 32c

C¹ The demon is cast out v. 33a

B¹ The mute man speaks v. 33b

A¹ The crowd is amazed at the new way v. 33c

Response: Pharisees accuse Jesus of demonism v. 34

(They can only conceive of things according to established order.)

III. Details and lessons

The man was probably both deaf and mute (*see* 11:5)

Cf. Mk 9:17, 25; Lk 1:20, 62

The presupposition of the Pharisees – only two sources of power

The Temple and established religion

Satan and his minions

The two responses to Jesus' miracles

Demonic powers have turned upon themselves v. 34

Jesus is doing something new v. 33c

Men, no matter how well established in leadership, are not the final arbiters of truth. Only the Word of God is the source of truth.