

“JESUS CHRIST - A MAN APPROVED OF GOD ([Acts 2:22](#))”

Miracle #19 – “DUMB MAN WITH A DEVIL” ([Matthew 9:32-34](#))

Miracle #29 – “DUMB MAN WITH A DEVIL” ([Luke 11:14-17,18-21,22](#))

Same miracle ... but two different events with the same lesson

Why does Luke give a fuller description than Matthew?

Firstly, the book of Matthew is written around **37 AD**, while Luke writes later in **57 AD**. For twenty years the Pharisees’ false lie of Christ being in league with Beelzebub, filters down to the general population. As it is said “A lie repeated often enough soon becomes the truth.”

Secondly, Luke **elaborates** by giving a more detailed explanation to refute the Pharisees’ lie ([Luke 11:17-20,21-23](#)).

Thirdly, Luke, in writing about the kingdom of God, and never mentioning the phrase ‘the kingdom of heaven’, elaborates and reinforces the consequences of a unified house, or otherwise, as valid for **both** dispensations.

Fourthly, so important is the fact that Christ is God and God is Christ ([1John 5:7-9](#)), **two** accounts are recorded to prove this, as“... *in the mouth of **two witnesses*** (in this case miracles) ... *every word may be established.*” ([Matthew 18:16](#))

[Matthew 9:32-34](#)

As they went out, behold, they brought to him (Christ) a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes

[Luke 11:14-17,18-21,22-23](#)

*And he (Christ) was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and **the people** wondered. But **some of them (NOT THE PHARISEES BUT THE COMMON PEOPLE)** said, He casteth out devils through **Beelzebub the chief of the devils.***

*And **others** (the people), tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them,*

marvelled, saying, **It was never so seen in Israel. But THE PHARISEES SAID,** He (Christ) casteth out devils through **the prince of the devils.**

Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

TO BEGIN WITH ...

From their history, Israel knew the following **four scriptures** about being **dumb** ... and God being the **ONLY** one to open mouths ...

*"And the **LORD** said unto him, **Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?"** ([Exodus 4:11](#))*

*"... **God** with a recompence; he will **come and save you** ... and **the tongue of the dumb sing:...**" ([Isaiah 35:4, 6](#))*

*"In that day shall **thy mouth be opened** ... and **thou shalt speak**, and be **no more dumb**: ... and **they shall know that I am the LORD.**" ([Ezekiel 24:27](#))*

*"Now **the hand of the LORD was upon me** ... and had **opened my mouth** ... and I was **no more dumb.**" ([Ezekiel 33:22](#))*

According to their own scriptures " ... when the devil was cast out, the **dumb spake**: and the **multitudes marvelled**, saying, **It was never so seen in Israel.**" ([Matthew 9:33](#)).

So the question needs be asked as to why Israel couldn't see that Christ must be considered as God, as Christ shows up and gets a dumb man to talk again ... ONLY GOD COULD OPEN MOUTHS!

This miracle pinpoints the very nature of Christ, the **Word**, as having power **words**, and over **mouths** and **speech**.

Furthermore, we have creation, where out of silence, **words come forth** ([Genesis 1:3](#)).

Indeed, with this miracle, where out of the silence of dumbness, **words come forth** ([Luke 11:14](#)).

THE CAUSE OF THIS MAN'S DUMBNESS

We are not told, but this miracle seems similar to the man born blind from birth ... **not** the result of his sin or that of his parents, but that the **works** of God be made **manifest** in him ([John 9:3](#)).

'Dumb' Israel are being shown, that through this miracle, they can be made to speak the words of God again, if they will believe in Christ ... but they don't.

However Israel will speak God's words in the tribulation with the 144,000 ([Revelation 14:3](#)) ... "In that day shall **thy mouth be opened** to him which is escaped, and **thou shalt speak**, and be **no more dumb**: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and **they shall know that I am the LORD.**" ([Ezekiel 24:27](#))

OTHER EXAMPLES OF DUMBNESS

1. This miracle reminds us of **Zacharias**, when told by an angel of the future birth of his son John, was struck **dumb** because of **unbelief** ([Luke 1:20, 64](#))

2. Israel made **dumb** for being rebellious ([Ezekiel 3:26](#)).

3. "He (**Christ**) was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as **a sheep before her shearers is dumb**, so he openeth not his mouth." ([Isaiah 53:7](#))

CONCLUSION

Here is an example that concentrates on the very nature of who Christ is ... the **Word** ... who speaks **words** ... and has the power for others to speak **words** as well.

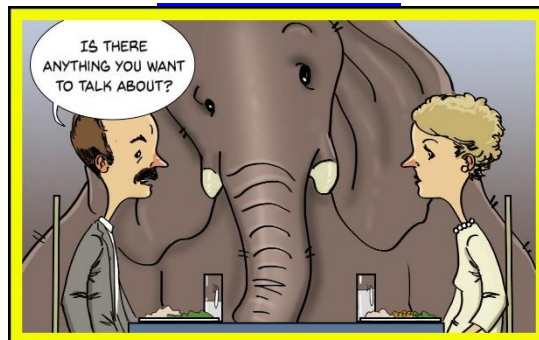
Christ proves he is the LORD of the Old Testament

For Israel Who made mouths? ... Who has power over the mouth? ... Who has power over words? ... Who has power over silence? ... Who can make people dumb? ... Who can power to put words into people's mouths? Who can make people dumb speak?

If the astute Jew will add two and two ... he must come to the conclusion that Christ is God ... the only one ever, to open dumb mouths.

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