

# KINGDOM COME

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## *According To Your Faith*

- This closes a major section on miracles for Matthew.
- Healing a leper, centurion's servant, Peter's mother-in-law, calming storm, casting out demons, healing paralytic, raising Jairus's daughter, healing the bleeding woman.
- Today's narrative is unique to Matthew.

There are two ways to be blind:

1. When your eyes stop working.
2. When your heart refuses to see what's right in front of it.

There are two ways to be mute:

1. When your voice won't work.
2. When fear or unbelief silences your voice.

Jesus just raised Jairus' daughter. Is leaving the house and encounters two blind men.

**Matthew 9:27 (ESV)** And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.”

- They have not seen his miracles but they have heard and believed.
- We can seek Him and listen for His voice.
- They are seeking mercy.
- Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy. (Matthew 5)
- Son of David – messianic term. We saw very heavy focus on it in Matthew 1 & 2.
- Matthew 1 opens with the statement that Jesus is a son of David & Abraham.

**Matthew 9:28-31 (ESV)** 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” 29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be done to you.” 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, “See that no one knows about it.” 31 But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

- He doesn’t heal them immediately.
- Jesus isn’t saying faith earns healing.

- Faith is built by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17)
- Psalm 119 – Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- Jesus heals them in private.

**Matthew 9:32-33 (ESV)** 32 As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to him. 33 And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.”

- A crowd shows up bringing a demon oppressed man.
- Jesus casts it out.
- Satan wants to silence us to what God is doing.
- Silence about God’s work in your life is influenced by the demonic.

**Matthew 9:34 (ESV)** But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”

- And here’s the contrast: The blind see, mute speak but the “religious” think they see and call light darkness and good evil.

**Philippians 1:29 (ESV)** For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,