

## Easter Eggs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Messianic Miracle: Cast Out a Mute Demon

### Discussion Questions:

If you were a 1<sup>st</sup> century Jew living in Nazareth during the life of Jesus, do you think you would have been in the majority of people who did not recognize him as the promised Messiah or the minority of people who did? Why do you think that?

Of the first 2 Messianic miracles (heal a leper or cast out a mute demon), which one do you think is more “impressive”? Why do you think that one?

Do you have any personal experience or history with demon possession, demonic oppression, or deliverance? If yes, what was it? If not, why do you think that is?

What, if anything, does Jesus’ ability to go outside the “formula” to cast out demons (even mute ones) say about him? What, if anything, does it say about the demons?

Isaiah 61:1 says that the Son of Man (a messianic title) would come to set the captives free. What all might that have meant in 1<sup>st</sup> century Israel? What all might that mean in 21<sup>st</sup> century Toronto?

Jesus said that those who followed him (his disciples) would do even greater things than he did. Why do you think the disciples weren’t able to cast the mute demon out of the boy?

What was the most interesting or thought-provoking (doesn’t necessarily mean you agree) part of this week’s message? Why?