

**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Matthew 9:32-34**

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**RECAP:** Last time, we looked at this miracle of the two blind men. This story comes at the close of Matthew 9, which focuses on all the miraculous works of Christ.

**THESIS: Humans only have two responses to Christ: acknowledge Him, or stupidity.**

**EXEGESIS:** Matthew 9:32-34 (*see also related; Luke 11:14-15, Matthew 12:24*)

- Setting: Jesus finishes healing the blind men, and immediately after, is confronted with this demon-oppressed individual.
- **Demonic Activity:** Remember, Israel has suffered consequences for paganism resulting in this state. Furthermore, demonic activity is widely varied, unlike the usual projections shown of them.
  - One could argue many physical ailments are more spiritual in nature than we give credit for.
- **First Response:**
  - **“Never before seen.”** This Greek phrase implies, “never revealed/shown.” Christ is a revelatory experience for these people, knowing something was coming, and finally seeing the Messiah.
  - **“In all Israel.”** They realized this was a national/global revealing of the world’s Christ, not just a regional prophetic experience.
- **Second Response:**
  - **“He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”** The Pharisees are now cornered into offering a better argument than their previous statements.
  - It is no longer possible to call Him a fraud, so they call Him demonic. This is obviously a very weak argument with incredible problems to be confronted later in **Matthew 12**.
- These two responses illustrate that man only has two roads to choose when confronted with Christ; you have to acknowledge that He is clearly God to save you, or you are truly foolish and ridiculous.
- This shows us the state of depraved humanity, who rejects God out of desire, not reason. It also shows us what we would be to this day without the grace of God.

**CONCLUSION:**

- **You can acknowledge Him as Lord, Savior, King, and Master.**
- **OR, you can reject Him, and you will be ridiculous in your attempts to dismiss Him.**