

**Matthew 9:27-38**  
***What The Blind Man Saw***  
March 10, 2019 – Rev. Rick Lyon

**Intro**

Synoptic Gospel Comparisons

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**Only Matthew Records Blind & Dumb Healing**

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**1. Two Miracles**

**Isaiah 35:4-6** - Be strong and don't fear; your *God will come*... When He comes, He will *open the eyes of the blind* and unplug the ears of the deaf. The lame will leap like a deer, and *those who can't speak will sing for joy!*

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**2. Two Responses**

Jesus: "Whoever isn't with Me is against Me." (**Mt. 12:30**)

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**C. S. Lewis** - *"I'm trying to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God.' That's the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher. He'd either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he'd be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let's not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He hasn't left that open to us. He didn't intend to."*

Jesus said: "Whoever isn't with Me is against Me, and whoever doesn't gather with Me scatters." (Mt. 12:30)

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**1. Go to people like Jesus did.**

**v.35** - Jesus went about all the cities and villages.

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**2. Help people like Jesus did.**

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**v.35** - Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, *teaching* in their synagogues, *preaching* the gospel of the kingdom, and *healing* every sickness and every disease among the people.

*Do you see how Jesus cared for the whole person?*

- **He didn't just care for their spiritual needs** (healed)
- **He didn't just care for their physical needs** (preached and taught)
- **He cared for both**

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**3. See people like Jesus did.**

**v.36** - Jesus saw people as "sheep without a shepherd."

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**Jesus:** "Open your eyes and look at the fields! They're ripe for harvest." (**John 4:35**)

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**John 4:35-38** - "You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true. I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you'll get to gather the harvest."

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**4. Pray for people like Jesus did.**

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