

Matthew 9:18-26

Never Anything Like This!

People of faith ...

I. The Power of Jesus

- A. Dead
- B. Dying
- C. Blind
- D. Silent

II. Demands an Explanation

- A. Son of the Devil?
- B. Remarkable Man?
- C. Son of God!

... and a poorly kept secret.

Children, Listen ...

1. What did Jesus do for ...

- Jairus?
- The Woman who was bleeding?
- The Blind Men?
- The Man who was silent?

2. Jesus had all the power, but what did the people who came to Him all have?

3. Some people said Jesus was evil, some thought He was just an amazing man, but what do people who believe in Him know about Who He is?

True Faith's Focus

As is always the case of Jesus' healing in the Bible our four clustered miracles display the awesome power of the Lord. As is also the case there is faith involved. In the heart-wrenching turned heart-waring case of the 12-year-old girl, her father Jairus displayed faith. The poor worn out and broke woman knew she could be healed by Jesus if she could just get near enough to touch His garment. The blind men confirmed their faith. And some faithful soul was kind enough to bring the demon plagued man who could not speak for Himself to Jesus for healing. In each case, simple faith, powerful healing. How do the spectators respond? Some said he was doing demon work. Others were naturally amazed by the marvelous works Jesus did. But those who had eyes to see saw that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. True faith's focus not on the power, but on the person of Jesus. If Jesus were to ask you as He asks Peter later in this Gospel: "who do you say that I am?" what would your answer be?