

The Choice to Reject the Truth

Matthew 9:32-34

(series #58)

Intro: The ministry of Jesus in the power of the Spirit
- Luke 4:1-2a, 14, 16-21

I. The Bringing of the Demonized Man v. 32

- A. He was mute from the demon
- B. Not all infirmities are demonic - 15:30-31
- C. The wickedness and cruelty of demons

II. The Deliverance of the Demonized Man v. 33

- A. The lack of drama in Matthew's description
- B. The uniqueness of this power - Matt. 10:1

III. The Contrasting Responses vv. 33b-34

- A. The multitudes were amazed v. 33b
- B. The Pharisees rejected v. 34
 - 1. It was a conscious, deliberate choice
 - 2. It became permanent - Matt. 12:22-32

Conclusion: the reasons why people reject the truth

- It's not because of a lack of information
- It's not because of the way the truth is presented
- It's because of people's own choices