

**Mt.9.33b-35 “Responding to Jesus’ Power”**  
**Matthew Series: ‘THE KING IS COMING’ #128**  
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**REVIEW:**

**I. THE RESPONSES OF THE PEOPLE v.33b**

All responses reflect one of only two basic decisions—

- that of true acceptance, which leads to **salvation**, or
- that of rejection, which leads to **damnation**.

**II. THE RESPONSE OF THE MULTITUDE**

The multitudes admired Him only from a **distance**.

- They did not lastingly identify with Him or **submit** to Him.
- They were always astonished & sometimes afraid, but never **committed**.
- They were mere onlookers, willing to cheer but not willing to **participate**.
- They came to Jesus out of curiosity & to be entertained.

**III. THE REJECTING RELIGIONISTS v.34**

The Pharisees were **suspicious** & **envious** of Jesus.

Because they could not deny the fact of Jesus’ miracles, they chose to deny the **source**.

Truth cannot be **contradicted** with truth; it can only be denounced with falsehood.

- ❖ And the person who *praises* Jesus but rejects Him or **ignores** & rejects Him is
  - ✓ just as damned as the person who **denounces** & rejects Him.

Any response to Jesus but the response of **faith** amounts to rejection & results in damnation.

**IV. THE WORKS OF THE LORD v.35**

Jesus fulfilled His threefold ministry of **teaching**, ... **proclaiming the gospel** ..., and **healing**.

**1.) TEACHING v.35b**

**Synagogues** developed during the Babylonian exile - synagogue means “**place of assembly**.”

Members of the synagogue met for **worship** each week - they also met there to celebrate **feasts**.

Reading & expounding Scripture began as early as the time of **Nehemiah**.

The synagogue was also a place of **instruction**.

**2.) PREACHING v.35c**

**Proclaiming** is from *kērussō*, - meaning to **herald a message**,

**Gospel** (*euangelion*) means “**good news**,” & it is used of the Good News **of the kingdom** of God,

Our first calling is to **teach** men the truth of God’s Word & to **lead** them to saving knowledge of Jesus.

**3.) HEALING v.35d**

“**When our Lord came down to earth, He drew heaven with Him. The signs which accompanied His ministry were but the trailing clouds of glory which He brought from heaven, which is His home.**”

**CONCLUSION:**

Jesus’ ministries of **teaching** & **preaching**, and **healing** summarize the public ministry of our Lord.

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