

Mt.9.33b-35 “Signposts of Society”
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Humanity’s needed spiritual signposts are very much in place & are entirely **R**_____.

Among those signposts are

- ✚ the miracles that demonstrated Jesus’
 - divine nature & **M**_____ ,
 - His power to **S**_____ &
 - His right to **R**_____ .

Jesus’ miracles were a sign of **divine power** to some; supernatural marvels by a **good man** for some; – and to others they were **an affront** ...

Mary knew that God **R**_____ those who come to Him humbly & **R**_____ those who proudly trust in themselves & see no need for His mercy or deliverance.

Those who are blessed are the **S**_____ , & those who fall under God’s woes are the **L**_____ .

Jesus said

- ✚ the **S**_____ are like those who build their lives on the rock of the Lord’s righteousness ...
- ✚ For those who **R**_____ Him, He does not *“bring peace, but a sword. For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man’s enemies will be the members of his household”* (vv.34–36).
- ✚ Whether religious or irreligious, only those who turn to God through Jesus Christ **C**_____ be saved.
- ❖ The more the saved **H**_____ & **U**_____ & fellowship with those who also believe the Gospel that redeemed them,
- ❖ the more they rejoice & grow in their **N**_____ life in Christ.

I. THE RESPONSES OF THE PEOPLE v.33b

#1 Group of Miracles (8.19–22; cf.Lk.9.57–62): Each was **A**_____ to Jesus but found an **E**_____ for not following Him.

#2 Group of Miracles (9.9-17): Matthew’s **C**_____ & **C**_____ ; Pharisee’s **I**_____ ; John the Baptist’s disciple’s **C**_____ .

In every case, there are only two basic decisions—

- that of true acceptance, which leads to **S**_____ , or
- that of rejection, which leads to **D**_____ .

#3 Group of Miracles: (9.18-33a) The Response of the Crowds & Religionists.

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

II. THE RESPONSE OF THE MULTITUDE

The vast number of miracles made them both **I**_____ & incomprehensible.

The multitude chose to release Barabbas the **C**_____ & to crucify Jesus the **S**_____ .

Many admired Jesus from a **D**_____ .

- They did not lastingly identify with Him or **S**_____ to Him.
- They were always astonished & sometimes afraid, but never **C**_____ .
- They were mere onlookers, willing to cheer but not willing to **P**_____ .

Those who once praised became His **C**_____ , & those who once marveled became His **E**_____ .
... every other sinner who refuses to **R**_____ & **R**_____ Him as Savior & Lord is condemned.