

“Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.” (Matt. 12:22)

The Depravity of Sin

The healing

- ◆ Demon possessed
- ◆ Blind
- ◆ Mute
- ◆ Sin deprives us of 3 things

1. Making sound decisions

- ◆ It enslaves us
- ◆ Ex: Herod
 - ◆ He was willing to give up half of his kingdom for one dance.



2. Seeing clearly

- ◆ Samson
- ◆ “Please tell me where your great strength lies, and with what you may be bound to afflict you.” (Judg. 16:6)

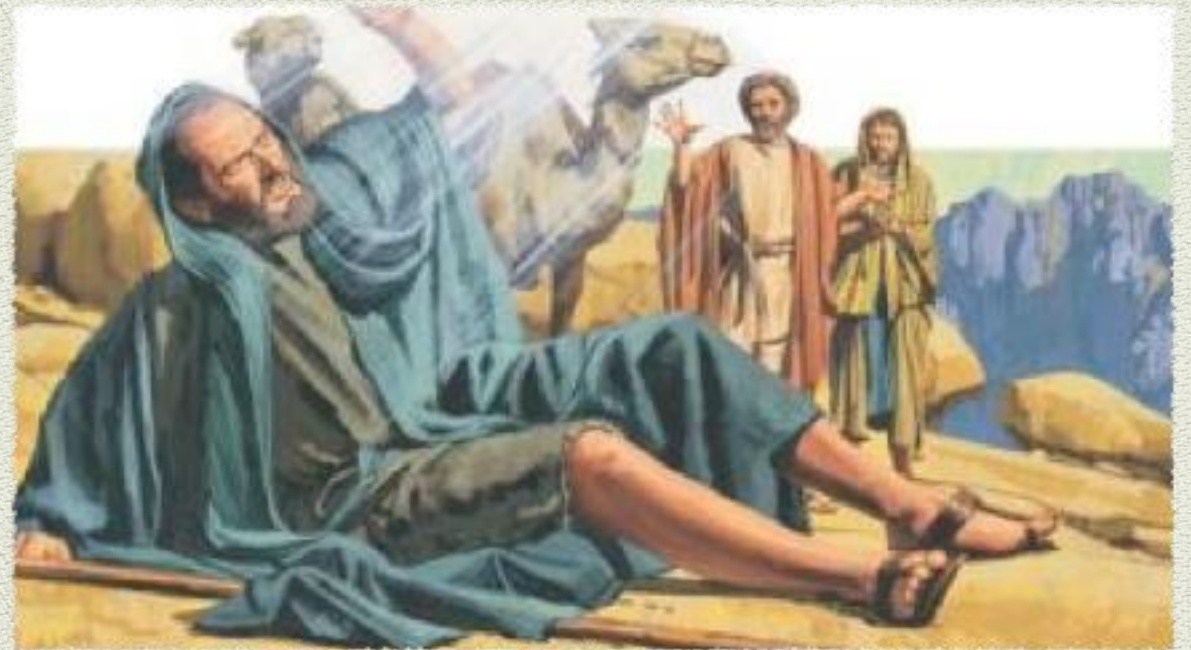


3. Speaking to God

- ◆ Sin turns our heart away from God

The Healer

- ◆ “And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”
(Matt. 12:23)
- ◆ Ex: Saul of Tarsus



Hindrances to Christ's work

- ◆ Divisions
 - ◆ Ex: Corinthians
 - ◆ Inner divisions
 - ◆ “In my own affliction I cried to You, O Lord, and You heard me. O Lord, You shall deliver my soul from a deceitful tongue. What shall be given to you, a crafty tongue?”(Ps. 120:1-2)

Hindrances to Christ's work

- ◆ Evil cannot correct evil
 - ◆ “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Rom. 12:21)