

“Tell No One”

(Matthew 9:27-31; Mark 7:31-37)

- Introduction:
1. Did you know there were times when Jesus did miracles and didn't want anyone to know about it?
 2. There are several examples of this occurring in Scripture, and we will look briefly at two such examples this morning and uncover a few truths from such instances.

I. The Passages Under Consideration

- A. (Matthew 9:27-31).
1. Two blind men cried out to Jesus for mercy.
 2. Jesus asked if they had faith and they affirmed they did.
 3. According to their faith, they were healed, and were “sternly warned” not to tell anyone.
 4. Yet, they spread the news about Jesus in all that country.
- B. (Mark 7:31-37).
1. A man who was deaf and had a speech impediment was brought to Jesus.
 2. Jesus healed him and commanded them to tell no one.
 3. The more he commanded, them, the more widely they proclaimed it.

II. Lessons Learned

- A. People of Faith Don't Always Obey (Matthew 9:28-29).
1. It's easy to judge the actions of these people.
 2. How could they disobey one who had just done so much for them?
 3. Don't we know the answer to that all too well?
- B. Rationalizations do not Excuse Disobedience (Matthew 9:30; Mark 7:36).
1. Can't you hear them?
 - a. “But we just had to tell someone.”
 - b. “You can't expect me to keep something like this quiet!”
 - c. “The purpose of miracles was to make believers.”
 2. (Romans 3:8; 1 Samuel 15:22).
- C. While Their Disobedience is Condemned, Their Desire to Tell is Commendable (Matthew 9:31; Mark 7:36).
1. What a contrast between then and now.
 - a. They had to be commanded to tell no one.
 - b. Today, we have to beg people to tell someone.
 2. (2 Corinthians 4:13) We believe, therefore we speak.

- Conclusion:
1. Let's learn from these mistakes and be humbled by our own.
 2. Let's also remember that Jesus never told us to “tell no one,” so let what he has done for us to be broadcast far and wide!