

God Doesn't Speak to Everyone

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1 Sam 28:6 "And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets."

Luke 5:15-16 "But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed."

- I. He was ready and willing to pour out the treasures of his heart to certain ones.
 - A. He had friends, and then there were those with whom He would have no dealings.
 - B. The twelve were closer than the multitude.
 - C. Three of the twelve were closer than the rest.
 - D. One of the three was closer still than the other two.

- II. There were those He spoke to.
 - A. He spoke to multitudes.

Mark 2:13 "And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them."

- B. He spoke to the twelve.

Mark 9:35 "And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all."

- C. He spoke to sinners.

Luke 7:48 "And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven."

Luke 23:42-43 "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

John 8:10-11 "When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

- D. He spoke to the sick, the lepers, the blind, the lame.

Mat 8:3 "And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

Mat 9:2 "And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee."

Mat 9:28 "And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord."

E. He spoke to the dead.

John 11:43 "And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth."

Luke 7:14-15 "And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother."

F. He spoke to devils.

Luke 4:33-35 "And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not."

Mark 9:25 "When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him."

G. He spoke to the wind and waves.

Mark 4:39 "And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm."

III. Then there were those He refused to speak to.

A. Herod

Luke 23:8-9 "And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing."

B. Pilate

Mat 27:13-14 "Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly."

C. The chief priests

Mat 27:12 "And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing."

Mat 26:62-63 "And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God."

D. The woman of Canaan

Mat 15:22-23 "And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us."

E. Many who we are told “believed in Him.”

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IV. Why were there those He refused to speak to?

- A. Some He never speaks to, like Herod and Pilate.
- B. Others He doesn't refuse to speak to, but avoids any confidence in them as to spiritual truths and things of the Kingdom of God.
 - 1. They are unprepared, unfit, and unworthy to receive any heavenly confidence.
 - 2. He dare not trust them with his thoughts, his teachings, or his person; He is not safe in their hands.
- C. He knew what was in them.
- D. They were not to be trusted with what He would tell them.
 - 1. YOU refrain from talking to people who you do not trust.
- E. They would only attempt to use his words to their own benefit and fulfilling their selfishness.
- F. They simply weren't listening, so He wouldn't waste his breath on them.
- G. He didn't cast pearls before swine — therefore, his silence before a band of people who were unworthy to receive heavenly things.
- H. He knew that what He said to them would be abused, misrepresented, and treated carelessly.
- I. He set an example for us — that truth does not require that we tell all we know to everyone we meet.
- J. His example explains the cause of some of our most painful experiences in this world.
 - 1. We trusted someone who was untrustworthy.
 - 2. We put our confidence in someone who was unworthy of it.
 - 3. We let a Judas into our inner circle of thought and affection.
 - 4. We would have been spared the pain if we had used discernment and held our peace with certain ones.

V. Does He speak to you?

- A. Do you ever hear from him?
 - 1. Or are your prayers said to the ceiling and the walls?
- B. Does He “commit himself” to you?
 - 1. Does He trust you with rich, spiritual truths and light?
- C. Are you worthy of his confidence?
- D. Are you close enough to him to be trusted by Him?