

The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 60

Performing Miracles ~ Part 4

In our last post, we examined **Yeshua** healing a **Synagogue** ruler's daughter and a woman's issue of blood. This post examines more of His healing powers and being rejected once again.

Yeshua Heals Two Blind Men

²⁷ As Yeshua went on from there, two blind men began following Him, shouting, "Son of David! Take pity on us!"

By shouting, "**Son of David!**" the blind men were publicly acclaiming **Yeshua** as the **Messiah**.

²⁸ When He entered the house, the blind men came up, and Yeshua said to them, "Do you believe that I have the power to do this?" They replied, "Yes, sir." ²⁹ Then He touched their eyes and said, "Let it happen to you according to your trust," ³⁰ and their sight was restored.

The men also showed great **trust** (faith) and initiative.

Yeshua warned them severely, "See that no one knows about it." ³¹ But instead, they went away and talked about Him throughout that district. ~ Mattityahu 9:27-31

Despite **Yeshua's** apparent desire to keep a low profile, His call for secrecy is not obeyed. Once these men experience the good news, they cannot keep it to themselves.

Yeshua Heals a Man Unable to Speak

³² As they were going, a man controlled by a demon and unable to speak was brought to Yeshua.

³³ After the demon was expelled, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Isra'el," they said. ³⁴ But the P'rushim said, "It is through the ruler of the demons that He expels demons." ~ Mattityahu 9:32-34

Yeshua again asserts His authority over the spirit realm (compare Mattityahu 8:28–32) and causes all **Isra'el** to marvel at His deeds. ***It is through the ruler of the demons that He expels demons.*** **Yeshua** later shows the absurdity of this statement (see Mattityahu 12:22–32).

Yeshua Is Rejected In His Hometown

Messianic Jews today often find these verses poignantly relevant to their own families and hometowns. But they can take comfort from the fact that although **Yeshua** Himself encountered opposition, indifference, and skepticism, in the end, His family believed in Him (Acts 1:14, Galatians 1:19; contrast 12:48–50, Yochanan 7:3–5), and His hometown became a center of **New Covenant** faith.

⁵³ When Yeshua had finished these miracles, He left ⁵⁴ and went to His hometown.

Yeshua's ministry base was **Capernaum**, but He had grown up in **Nazareth**.

There He taught them in their synagogue in a way that astounded them so that they asked, "Where do this man's wisdom and miracles come from?"

The people know that, unlike their Rabbis, **Yeshua** has no formal training; He was raised as a craftsman. They express astonishment at the educated things He says and the attesting signs He performs.

⁵⁵ Isn't He the carpenter's son? Isn't His mother called Miryam? and His brothers Ya'akov, Yosef, Shim'on, and Y'hudah?

The language implies that the answer should be a plain "Yes." But the honest answer is not so simple, as Luke's careful language reveals: ***"It was supposed that He was a son of the Yosef who was of Eli, of Mattat (etc.)"*** (see Luke 3:23–38). **Yosef**, the carpenter, raised **Yeshua** and accepted Him as his son even though He had no natural human father since **Miryam** the virgin was caused to become pregnant by **God** supernaturally.

⁵⁶ And His sisters, aren't they all with us? So where does He get all this?"⁵⁷ And they took offense at Him. But Yeshua said to them, "The only place people don't respect a prophet is in His hometown and His own house."⁵⁸ And He did few miracles there because of their lack of trust. ~ Mattityahu 13:53-58 (compare with Mark 6:1-6a)

In our next post, we interrupt our look at **Yeshua's Miracle Ministry** as **He Sends Out His Emissaries** beginning in Mattityahu 9:35.