

THREE WISE MONKEYS

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Based on Matthew 89 VV 27-34 where Jesus heals two blind men and a mute man. The narrators tell the story while the three actors perform the actions.

CAST

Narrator 1 Male
Narrator 2 Female
3 actors 1,2,3

Male *Once upon a time there were three monkeys – er.. I mean men. [Actors step forward]*

Female *Same thing?*

Male *Two of them were blind and one of them was dumb. [1 & 2 cover eyes. 3 covers mouth]*

Female *Surely saying 'a dumb man' is tautology?*

Male *When the blind ones met Jesus... [3 steps forward to become Jesus]*

Female *They couldn't see him.*

Male *But they could recognise who he was. They cried out..*

Female *"Have mercy on us, Son of David." [1 & 2 hold hands aloft as if crying out] And when Jesus asked them..*

Male *"Do you really believe I can do this?", they replied...*

Female *"Yes, Lord." [1 & 2 hold out hands as if asking] Jesus was so impressed he said...*

Male *"According to your faith will it be done to you". [3 touches eyes of 1 & 2 as if curing them of blindness]*

Female *And he cured them of their blindness.*

Male *So now they could hear, speak and see. [1 & " show delight at being able to see]*

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- Female But Jesus said..
- Male "See that you do not speak about it." *[Jesus gestures accordingly]*
- Female That seems a bit tough, and surely everyone could see that they could see?
- Male True, and in fact just the opposite happened. They couldn't stop themselves. They spoke about it all the time. *[1 & 2 mime talking non-stop. 3 returns into line to resume his position as dumb man with hands over mouth]*
- Female Unlike the man who was dumb.
- Male When he met Jesus he said..
- Female "mmmmm" *[3 mimes this]*
- Male But Jesus knew exactly what he needed.
- Female A new voice.
- Male And that's exactly what he gave him. The man spoke clearly for the first time in ages. *[3 mimes talking]*
- Female What did he say?
- Male We don't know.
- Female Probably something like "I reckon Israel should play 4-4-2 with Moses Rooney slotting into the pocket behind the striker. *[3 explains this to 1 & 2]*
- Male At this point the whole crowd joined in and said "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." *[1 & 2 act as crowd showing amazement]*
- Female Surely not! Their football team must have played 4-4-2- before. It's not exactly rocket science.
- Male No, they meant Jesus enabling the dumb man to speak.
- Female Oh, right. I suppose that is quite amazing. And to go with restoring the sight to those two blind men. No wonder everyone was so excited. *[1,2 & 3 show excitement]*

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- Male Everyone that is, except the Pharisees. They talked a different talk. *[1,2 & 3 huddle together as Pharisees looking unhappy]*
- Female Miserable lot. What did they say?
- Male “It is by the prince of demons that he casts out demons.”
- Female What does that mean?
- Male It means that they thought He was not really the Son of God.
- Female I feel sorry for them.
- Male Yes, they missed out. *[1,2,3 back in line]*
- Female They failed to **SEE** Jesus for who he was. *[1 puts hands to eyes]*
- Male They failed to **HEAR** his words of truth and hope. *[2 puts hands over ears]*
- Female And they could not join in and **SPEAK** the praises of God’s glorious mighty saviour. *[3 puts hands over mouth]*
- Male We don’t want to be like the Pharisees.
- Female No, we want to **SEE** Jesus. *[1 removes hands from eyes and holds aloft]*
- Male We want to **HEAR** his words. *[2 removes hands from ears and holds aloft]*
- Female And we want to **SPEAK** about Him to our friends. *[3 removes hands from mouth and holds aloft]*
- ALL Hallelujah, Amen!

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