



Gospel of Mark “Spiritual Deafness”

KEY POINT

The most difficult thing for Christ to do during his time on earth was NOT to heal people, BUT to get people to LISTEN!

- * **7:31** “A Horse-Shoe Return”
 - 120 miles in length
 - 8 month journey
 - Two possible reasons
- * **7:32** “Helpless Man, Faithful Friends”
 - Begging Jesus to heal
- * **7:33** “Healing Touch”
 - Specific, Personal, Unique
- * **7:34a** “ Looking to Heaven, Deep Sigh”
 - Power of God not magic
 - Great emotion, prayer-like gesture
- * **7:34b** “Be Opened”
 - Be released
- * **7:35** “Immediately”
 - Isaiah 35:3-6
- * **7:36** “Shhhhh”
 - Jesus hates the spotlight!
- * **7:37** “Utter Amazement”
 - He has done everything well
 - Genesis 1:31

PREVENTING SPIRITUAL DEAFNESS

1. Get a team together.
2. Get out of the spotlight!
3. Get ready for Him to do it HIS way.

Mark 7:31-37

31 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.

32 There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man.

33 After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.

34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him,

"Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!").

35 At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.

37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

KEY REFERENCES:

- Isaiah 35:3-6
- Genesis 1:31
- Luke 7:22-23

“Everything that we believe comes either through sight or through hearing. Sight is often deceived, hearing serves as a guaranty” Saint Ambrose