



“NEW EARS RESOLUTION”

MARK 7:31-37 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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MARK 7:31-32 SETTING THE SCENE



31 Then, He again came out of the region of Tyre and went through Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee in the middle of region of the Decapolis. 32 And [some people] bring to Him [a man who was] deaf and could hardly speak [μογιλάλος | *mogilalos*], and they implore Him to lay His hands on him.
(Mk 7:31-32, AT)



MARK 7:31-32 SETTING THE SCENE



7 Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a **large crowd** from Galilee **followed**. 8 When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around **Tyre and Sidon**. (Mk 3:7-8, NIV)



MARK 7:31-32 SETTING THE SCENE



18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who **had been demon-possessed** begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and **tell them** how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” 20 So the man went away and began to **tell** in the **Decapolis** how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed. (Mk 5:18-20, NIV)



MARK 7:31-32 SPIRITUALLY BLIND, SPIRITUALLY DEAF



18 “Hear, you **deaf**;

look, you **blind**, and **see!**

19 Who is **blind** but my servant,
and **deaf** like the messenger I send?

Who is **blind** like the one in covenant with me,
blind like the servant of the LORD [YHWH]?

20 You have **seen** many things, but you **pay no attention**;
your **ears are open**, but you **do not listen.**” (Is 42:18-20, NIV)



MARK 7:31-32
SPIRITUALLY BLIND,
SPIRITUALLY DEAF



17 Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still **not see or understand**? Are your **hearts hardened**? 18 Do you have **eyes** but **fail to see**, and **ears** but **fail to hear**? And don’t you remember? (Mk 8:17-18, NIV)



MARK 7:33 PRIVATE PRACTICE



Then He took him away from the crowd privately, put His fingers into [the man's] ears, and after spitting, touched his tongue. (Mk 7:33, AT)



MARK 7:33 REPULSIVE PRACTICE?



He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had **spit on the man's eyes** and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, “Do you see anything?” (Mk 8:23, NIV)



MARK 7:34
OPEN YOUR EARS!



Then, looking up to heaven, He groaned. And Jesus says to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means, "Be opened!"). (Mk 7:34, AT)



MARK 7:35 BREAK EVERY CHAIN

And straight away, his hearing was opened, the bond of his tongue was loosened, and he began to speak rightly. (Mk 7:35, AT)



MARK 7:36 NO CLOUT CHASING



Then He commanded them to say nothing.
But the more He would command them,
the more zealously they would proclaim
[it]. (Mk 7:36, AT)



MARK 7:36 NO CLOUT CHASING

36 And Simon and those with him went to track Him down. 37 And they found Him and say to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

38 And He says to them, "Let's **go elsewhere** to the neighboring towns, so that there also I may **preach**. Because **for this reason I came out**." (Mk 1:36-38, AT)



MARK 7:37 AMAZING GRACE



And they were amazed beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well! He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak!"

(Mk 7:37, AT)



MARK 7:37
THE AMAZING GRACE
OF GOD



The LORD [YHWH] said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? **Who makes them deaf or mute?** Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD [YHWH]? (Ex 4:11, NIV)



MARK 7:37 SIGN LANGUAGE

3 Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
4 say to those with fearful hearts,
“Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he **will come** with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to **save** you.”

(Is 35:3-4, NIV)



MARK 7:37 SIGN LANGUAGE



5 Then will the **eyes** of the **blind** be opened
and the **ears** of the **deaf** unstopped.

6 Then will the **lame leap** like a deer,
and the **mute** [LXX: μογιλάλος | *mogilalos*] **tongue shout** for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

(Is 35:5-6, NIV)



MARK 7:37 SIGN LANGUAGE



The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The **glory of Lebanon** will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the **glory of the LORD** [YHWH],
the **splendor of our God**. (Is 35:1-2, NIV)