

He Does All Things Well!

Mark 7:31-37



II. Jesus' Personal Ministry to One Desperate Gentile (32-35)

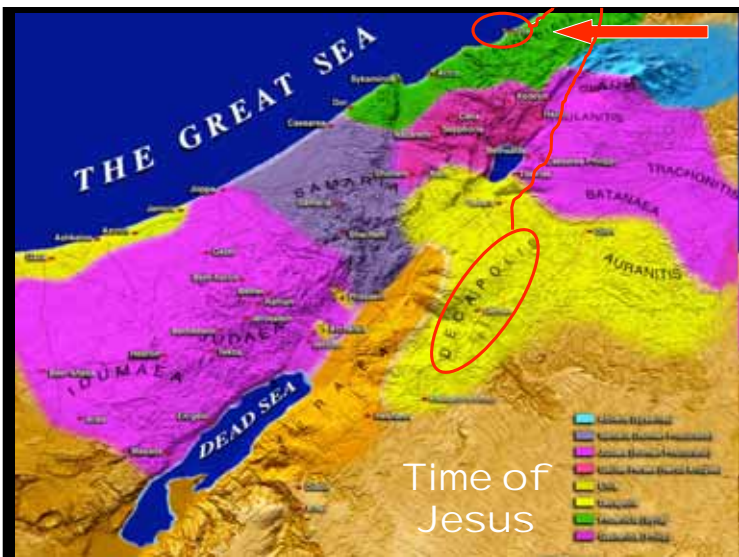
- Matt. 15:29-31 - Departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on the mountain [on the east side], He was sitting there. 30 And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them *those who were* lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them. So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

I. Jesus' Intentional Ministry to the Gentiles (31)

- 31 - Again He went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis.

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- How had these Gentile crowds heard about Jesus?
- 1) 3:8 - and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, a great number of people heard of all that He was doing and came to Him.
- 2) 5:19-20 - And Jesus did not let him [go with them], but He said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and *how* He had mercy on you." And [the demoniac of Gadara] went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.



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- Their friend – two serious disabilities...
 - 1) Deaf
 - 2) Spoke with difficulty
- Results of his disability...
 - 1) He would have been ostracized from others.
 - 2) His knowledge would have been severely limited.
 - 3) He would have been unable to read the Jewish Scriptures at all.

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- Six Verbs...
 - 1) 33 - Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself.
 - 2) 33 – and put [thrust] His fingers into his ears,
 - 3) 33 – and after spitting, He touched his tongue *with the saliva*;
 - 4) 33 – and looking up to heaven
 - 5) 33 – with a deep sigh
 - 6) 33 – He said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be opened!"

Implications...

- 2) Jesus has genuine compassion even for individuals.
- 3) Jesus has genuine compassion and care for those who are disabled.
- 4) This encounter is yet another evidence of Jesus' Messiahship and His deity.
 - a) 37 - "He does all things well!"
 - Cf. Gen. 1:31 - God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
 - b) 32 – the Greek word translated "spoke with difficulty" occurs in only one other place in the Bible.
 - [Is. 35:5-6](#)

III. Jesus' Initial Reception Among the Gentiles (36-37)

- Cf. Matt. 15:31 - So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

Implications...

- 1) Jesus is genuinely concerned for all who are non-Jewish.
 - a) Affirmation of the early church's outreach to gentiles.
 - Cf. Matt. 28:19
 - Cf. Acts 1:8; 8:4-5, 25, 26-27; 9:15; 10:45; 11:1, 18; 13:46-48
 - b) Call to the church for world missions.
 - c) Call for each of us not to avoid certain people or people groups.