

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, October 24, 2021

“The Gospel of Mark ~ To Speak Or Not To Speak”

Mark 7:31-37

INTRODUCTION

JESUS' RESPONSE

#1. Jesus shows _____.

“He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.” (Mark 7:33-35)

JESUS' 4 GESTURES OR NON-VERBALS

- He _____.
- He _____.
- He _____.
- He _____.

What have you carried into church with you this morning—your cares and concerns, your worries, fears, and frustrations—burdens that are too heavy for you to carry yourself?

“Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.” (Psalm 55:22)

#2. Jesus _____.

Impediment = *desmon* =

Plainly = *orthos* =

Where does Jesus need to say the word in your life? What burdens seem insurmountable to you? What areas of your heart, mind, or life still need to be set free?

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5:1)

CONCLUSION

Mute = *'mogilalos* =

“Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.” (Isaiah 35:4-5)

Mark 7 is actually _____, a glimpse, telling us that Jesus came into the world in order to _____ that which has fallen; to restore the consequences of the fall; to make a _____ creation; and ultimately a new heaven and a new earth. To fulfill God’s ultimate plan of the _____ of the world.

By healing physical maladies, Jesus was pointing people to something greater: the hope of _____. Through Him, forgiveness of sin and reconciliation with God are readily available to everyone who believes the gospel—whether Jew or Gentile.

“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glories about to be revealed to us.” (Romans 8:18)

“And a great road will go through that once deserted land. It will be named the Highway of Holiness. Evil-minded people will never travel on it. It will be only for those who walk in God’s ways; fools will never walk there. Lions will not lurk along its course, nor any other ferocious beasts. There will be no other dangers. Only the redeemed will walk on it. Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness.” (Isa 35:8-10)

Can you hear the voice of Jesus saying to you, “Can you hear me now?”

What are your present sufferings?

What burdens have you brought with you into church this morning?

**Do you see them in light of Paul’s words—in light of eternity.
Or have they blinded you to the hope and promises that God has given you
in Christ?**

#3. Jesus _____.

“Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’” (Mark 7:36-37)

Ordered = *diastellomai* =

Utterly = *huperperissos* =

astonished = *ekplesso* =

“*He warned them to tell no one about him.* And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priest and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.” (Mark 8:30-31)

“...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures.” (1 Cor 15:3-4)

**How obedient are you to what God has commanded you to do or not to do?
How willing are you to listen to Him?**

“If you love me, obey my commandments.” (John 14:15)