

The Master Does All things Well (Mark 7:31-37)

- Christ's willingness to receive broken weak sinners is seen in his compassion
- There was never an instance where he turned away one who truly sought Him
- Mark makes much use of the fact that illness & human frailty testified to sin
- Mark mentions this account specifically while Matthew mentions it generally
- Mark is highlighting a pattern: feeding the multitudes, encounter with the Pharisees and then healing (6:31-7: 37) chapter 8: 1, 27-30 is the same pattern
- Mark ends this cycle on a note of praise, "the Son of man does all things well"

I. A Deaf and Dumb Man Brought to the Master (7:31, 32)

- This man could not hear and as a result he could not communicate at all
- His was a life of isolation & despair; crowd saw it & brought him to Jesus
- It was a spasmotic condition of the tongue extending to the facial muscles
- He most likely had use of his faculties before, based on the word Mark uses
- The word Mark uses is specific and it almost definitely refers to Isaiah 35:5
- Isaiah speaks of the one who comes in order to heal the deaf & the blind
- Mark is providing his readers with a sign that Jesus is the Messiah of God

II. The Master's Personal Touch (7:33-35)

- Vs 33 "Jesus took him aside" to establish contact with him in his isolated world
- In this instance physical contact was essential for man who couldn't communicate
- The manner in which Jesus healed this man testifies to His power over the ailment
- The mere touch of His fingers & the spittle of His mouth & the laying on of hands
- The healing is seen in the fact that the man spoke & without any impediment

III. The Master Does All Things Well (7:36,37)

- Jesus charged them to tell no one, but the more he charged the more they shared
- This is always the case of one who has seen & experienced the grace of Christ
- The crowd did not truly understand what Christ had done, yet they marveled at it
- Unbelievers compliment Christ, yet it leads them not to any eternal life in Him
- Test of a true disciple is to obey the Master's commands & they did not do that
- In our lives let us remember & testify how our Master has done all things well
- God's creative works are good (Gen 1). Not only did God see they were good, but on this occasion so did man (Mark 7:37)