SCRIPTURE: Matthew 15:29-31; Mark 7:31-37

SERMON: *Believe Credible Witnesses!* 18 February 2018

I. THE STORY

- **A. TYRE TO DECAPOLIS** (Mt.15:29; Mk.7:31)
- **B. WENT TO WORK** (Mt.15:29)
- C. GREAT CROWDS (Mt.15:30)
- D. LAME, MAIMED, BLIND, MUTE [X] MUTE, MAIMED, LAME, BLIND (Mt.15:30[X]31; Mk.7:32)
- **E. DEAF MUTE** (Mk.7:32)
- F. EXTENSIVE CARE (Mt.15:30,31; Mk.7:37)
- **G. INTENSIVE CARE** (Mk.7:32f)
- **H. COMPASSIONATE CARE** (Mk.7:34; see 8:16,17; Rom.8:23)
- **I. OBEDIENT CARE** (Mk.7:34; see Jn.5:36; 10:37f; 14:10f)
- **J. EFFECTIVE CARE** (Mt.15:30; Mk.7:34,35)
- K. DISOBEDIENT RESPONSE (Mk.7:36)
- L. TESTIMONY TO MEN (Mk.7:37)
- M. PRAISE TO GOD (Mt.15:31)

II. THE POINT

- **A. JESUS IS THE CHRIST** (see Mt.1:18 to 26:63f; Mk.1:13 to 14:61; Lk.2:11 to 24:46; Jn.1:17 to 20:31; see Acts 9:22, etc.; i.e., Prophet (Heb.1:1,2), Priest (Heb.4:14f; 10:19f); King (Acts 2:22f; Eph.2:18f))
- **B. ALL THINGS WELL** (Mk.7:37; Gen.1:31; see Mk.7:34 with Gen.1:3,etc.)
- C. ALL KINDS OF NEW CREATIONS (Mt.15:30,31 w/Is.35:5,6; Mt.11:2-6(Lk.4:18); see Mt.16:16,13-23)

III. THE USE

- **A. BELIEVE THESE CREDIBLE WITNESSES!** (Mt.15:30,31 w/Is.35:5,6; Mt.11:2-6; see Mt.16:16,13-23; Lk.1:1f; 2Pt.1:16f)
- B. TRUST JESUS TO SAVE ALL WHO COME TO HIM, INCLUDING YOU! (Mt.15:29f; Mk.7:31)
- C. TRUST JESUS TO SAVE YOU INDIVIDUALLY AND PERSONALLY AS HE DOES WITH EVERY BELIEVER! (Mk.7:32f; Mt.15:30,31see Jn.10:3; Ex.33:12,17; Is.43:1)
- **D.** TRUST JESUS TO SAVE THOSE YOU BRING TO HIM! (Mt.15:30; Mk.7:32; see Mt.19:13=Mk.10:13=Lk.18:15; see Lk.22:32; Jn.1:42; Rom.15:16; Eph.2:13)
- E. TRUST JESUS TO OPEN YOUR EARS & RELEASE YOUR TONGUE BY HIS WORD! (Mk.7:34f (Mt.15:31); see Ezk.37:7f; Jn.11:43f; see Rom.10:17; 2Tm.3:14f; 1Pt.1:23)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)