

The Gospel of Mark

The Powerful Command of Christ

Mark 7:31-37

1. **The _____**
Jesus and the disciples leave Tyre and take a circuitous course to end up in another gentile area on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee (Mk. 7:31). Jesus desire for a low profile (Mk. 7:24, 36) was impossible because of His wide ranging ministry (cf. Mk. 5:20). Jesus had earned the reputation for healing people of extreme and life-long ailments (cf. Mt. 9:27-33). One man's friends brought him to Jesus to be healed from being deaf and dumb (Mk. 7:32; cf. Lk. 7:20-23).
2. **The _____**
The man's friends pleaded that Jesus lay His hands on him to heal him (Mk. 7:32). Jesus then focusses His attention on the deaf man by first receiving him personally and away from the chaos of the crowd (cf. Mk. 7:33; cf. Lk. 15:27). Very often when people are presented to Jesus for healing, He will ask them directly what it is that they want Him to do (cf. Mt. 5:30; 9:28; 20:32-34; Jn. 5:6). Jesus' gestures and actions was the manner in which He directly communicated with the man about healing him (Mk. 7:33). The focus of the healing is not on the touching or the spittle but on the command from Jesus (Mk. 7:34). The result is that the man's hearing was completely restored and the impediment upon the man's speech was immediately removed (Mk. 7:35).
3. **The _____**
We have seen Jesus command demons, and they obey Him immediately (Mk. 5:9-13). We have seen Jesus command the wind and the waves, and they obey Him Immediately (Mk. 4:41). We have seen Jesus proclaim the forgiveness of sins (Mk. 2:5). We have seen Him command the dead to come to life (Mk. 5:35, 41-42). We have seen Jesus command deaf ears to hear His command, and they obey (Mk. 7:34-35). The Lord is powerful to accomplish all that He has said, and we should live every minute of every day convinced of and reliant upon that truth (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16-17).