



## The Gospel of Mark Following Christ

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### “Blind Eyes Will See, Deaf Ears Will Hear” Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man

Mark 7:31–37

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**Theme:** In this passage Jesus continues to demonstrate His authority as Messiah by healing a deaf and mute man, fulfilling end-times promises for the restoration of creation and the coming kingdom of God (see Isaiah 35:5–6). This is also the second of three miracles performed by Jesus in Gentile territory (7:24–8:10), hinting for Mark’s readers that God’s salvation is not just for the Jews. It is for all people everywhere.

### **Outline**

1. Setting: Journey from Tyre to Decapolis (7:31)
  
2. The Healing of a Deaf and Mute Man (7:32–35)
  - a. The approach by the friends (v. 32)

b. Jesus' withdrawal with the man (v. 33a)

c. Jesus' unusual actions (vv. 33b–34)

d. The healing and its significance (v. 35; Isaiah 35:5–6)

#### 4. The Aftermath (7:36–37)

a. The command to silence (v. 36)

b. The response of the people (v. 37)

**Takeaway:** This episode reminds us not only of Jesus' compassion and care for our needs, but also that His purpose in coming is to restore all of creation to a right relationship with God.

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