

MARK 7:31-37

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**THE PRIVATE WORK OF CHRIST**

**Mark 7:31** Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. **32** And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. **33** And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. **34** And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” **35** And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. **36** And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. **37** And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

# ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS



## TWO MONTH WALKING SEMINAR

Mark 6:39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass.

Mark 8:6 **6** And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground.

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## JESUS' EAR OPENING MINISTRY

- ▶ John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
- ▶ Ephesians 2:17<sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.
- ▶ Romans 10:14-17<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?<sup>c</sup> And how are they to hear without someone preaching?<sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ...<sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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# LUKE 9

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**18**Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” **19**And they answered, “John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.” **20**Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

**21**And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, **22**saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”