*15* STUDY OF MARK 2020

Jesus Heals A Deaf-Mute Man (Be Opened!)

Mark 7:31-37

He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means, “Be opened!”). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. (34-35)

1. After Jesus left Tyre where did he go? (31) Previously when Jesus was there, why did people plead with Him to leave their region? (5:1-17) But now, the second time around, what did some people beg Jesus to do? (32) How might the man formerly called Legion have influenced the people of that region? (5:18-20)
2. Put yourself in the place of this deaf and mute man. What do you think would be most painful thing about being deaf-mute? What does it mean to be spiritually deaf? Can you think of any examples? (Ge 4:7-8) What does it mean to be spiritually mute?
3. Why did Jesus take the man aside, away from the crowd? (33) What did Jesus do to the man’s ears? To his tongue? What happened to when Jesus said “Ephphatha” (35) What does “Ephphatha” mean? What can it mean to us?
4. How might this man’s life have changed after his encounter with Jesus? How can our spiritual ears be opened? How can our mute tongues speak?
5. What instructions did Jesus give the people? (36) How did the people react? (37) How had they changed? (5:16-17) What does this event reveal about who Jesus is? (See Isa 35:5,6)