

13. Read *Mark 7:31-37* and *Mark 8:22-26*. What parallels do you see in these two passages?

Reflection Questions: How do I show compassion like Jesus to those who are in need? As I look back at my life has Jesus done all things well? Am I trusting Him to do all things well in the future? Where am I spiritually deaf to what God is saying to me? When am I mute when I should be speaking? Do I *sigh* over a life distorted by sin?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

There is no shoddy, slip-shod work with Christ. It is true of creation, but it is even truer of His work of redemption.

David Guzik

Let us remember that every time our compassion is stirred, and no action ensues, our hearts are in some measure indurated, and the sincerity of our religion in some degree impaired.

Alexander MacLaren

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than in heaven.

Peter Faber

If I have any sense of where the Christian culture is today, I would say our Number One Sin is not sensuality or materialism (though they are close behind), but prayerlessness.... All of us are busy... but we always manage time for the things we really want to do.

R. Kent Hughes

Jesus sighs so that one day our sighing may cease.

Tyler Hurst



Jesus Does All Things Well

Sermon
Notes

May 14, 2023

1. The Setting (31-32)

2. The Touch (33)

3. The Look (34)

4. The Sigh (34)

5. The Word (34)

6. The Result (35)

7. The Command (36-37)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. Why does Mark record this while no other gospel does (*Mark 7:31-37*)?
3. Look on a map where this journey took place (*Mark 7:31*). Scholars think Jesus spent 6-8 months on this Gentile excursion. Why do you think Jesus spent 15+% of His three year ministry among Gentiles?
4. How might the people of the Decapolis have known about Jesus (*Matthew 4:23-25; Mark 5:19-20*)?
5. What is different about the way Jesus is received on this trip compared to His first trip to the Decapolis (*Mark 5:17*)?

What changed with these people in Decapolis so that they were eager to bring people to Jesus to be healed?

6. What was the man's disability that in *Mark 7:32*?
7. How does *Mark 7:32* tie in with *Isaiah 35:6*?

Do you think this connection was intentional by Mark? Explain.

How does this connection help explain who Jesus is to Mark's readers?

Do you think the people who saw the miraculous healing of the man in *Mark 7:31-37* made the connection with *Isaiah 35:5-6*? Why or why not?

8. Why does Jesus heal this man the way He does (*Mark 7:33-34*)?
9. Why does Mark include the detail that Jesus sighed (*Mark 7:34*)?

10 What do these verses tell us about the heart of God?
Psalm 34:18 — *Romans 8:26* —

John 11:33 — *Hebrews 4:15* —

11. Who are the *them* (twice) and *they* of *Mark 7:36*?

Why wouldn't they obey what Jesus ordered them?

12. What did these Gentile people mean when they said that Jesus does *all things well* (*Mark 7:37*)?

How does this phrase echo God's work of creation in *Genesis 1-2*?

How the fact that Jesus does *all things well* (*Mark 7:37*) encourage and comfort you?

What does *Philippians 1:6* say about this?