

Sermon: Deaf, Dumb and Dumber

Text: Mark 7:31 – 8:21 NASB

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Mark 7:31-37

³¹ Again He left the region of Tyre and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis. ³² And they *brought to Him one who was deaf and had difficulty speaking, and they *begged Him to lay His hand on him. ³³ And *Jesus* took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and put His fingers in his ears, and after spitting, He touched his tongue *with the saliva*; ³⁴ and looking up to heaven with a deep sigh, He *said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be opened!" ³⁵ And his ears were opened, and the ^uimpediment of his tongue was ^uremoved, and he *began* speaking plainly. ³⁶ And He gave them orders not to tell anyone; but the more He ordered them, the more widely they continued to proclaim *it*. ³⁷ And they were utterly astonished, saying, "He has done all things well; He makes even those who are deaf hear, and those who are unable to talk, speak."

Footnotes

- a. [Mark 7:35](#) Lit *bond*
- b. [Mark 7:35](#) Lit *undone*

Mark 8:1-21

¹ In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, *Jesus* summoned His disciples and *said to them, ² "I feel compassion for the ^upeople because they have remained with Me for three days already and have nothing to eat. ³ And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a great distance." ⁴ And His disciples replied to Him, "Where will anyone be able *to find enough* ^ubread here in *this* desolate place to satisfy these people?" ⁵ And He was asking them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven." ⁶ And He *directed the ^upeople to recline on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and started giving them to His disciples to serve, and they served them to the ^upeople. ⁷ They also had a few small fish; and after He had blessed them, He told *the disciples* to serve these as well. ⁸ And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven large baskets *full* of what was left over of the broken pieces. ⁹ About four thousand ^umen were *there*; and He dismissed them. ¹⁰ And immediately He got into the boat with His disciples and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

¹¹ And the Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, demanding from Him a ^usign from heaven, ^uto test Him. ¹² Sighing deeply in His spirit, He *said, "Why does this

generation demand a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation!" ¹³ And leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side.

¹⁴ And *the disciples* had forgotten to take bread, and did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. ¹⁵ And He was giving orders to them, saying, "Watch out! Beware of the heaven of the Pharisees, and the heaven of Herod." ¹⁶ And they *began* to discuss with one another *the fact* that they had no bread. ¹⁷ And Jesus, aware of this, *said to them, "Why are you discussing *the fact* that you have no bread? Do you not yet comprehend or understand? Do you *still* have your heart hardened?" ¹⁸ HAVING EYES, DO YOU NOT SEE? AND HAVING EARS, DO YOU NOT HEAR? And do you not remember, ¹⁹ when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces you picked up?" They *said to Him, "Twelve." ²⁰ "When I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?" And they *said to Him, "Seven." ²¹ And He was saying to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

Footnotes

- a. Mark 8:2 Lit *crowd*
- b. Mark 8:4 Lit *loaves*
- c. Mark 8:6 Lit *crowd*

- d. Mark 8:6 Lit *crowd*
- e. Mark 8:9 I.e., 4,000 men plus women and children, cf. Matt 15:38
- f. Mark 8:11 I.e., confirming miracle
- g. Mark 8:11 Lit *testing Him*
- h. Mark 8:12 I.e., confirming miracle
- i. Mark 8:12 Lit *if a sign shall be given*, a very strong refusal
- j. Mark 8:12 I.e., confirming miracle
- k. Mark 8:15 I.e., fermented dough
- l. Mark 8:17 Or *dull, insensible*