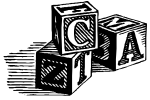


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, “The Relentless Goodness of God – ‘He has done all things well’” - The Healing of a Deaf-Mute (Mark 7:31-37 [Gospel Parallels – Matthew 15:29-31 {Not in Luke or John}])



Basic Ideas from Mark 7:31-37.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know God as the hero of all mankind and the deliverer from sin's curse.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose Him above all else as the lover of our souls.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in His person and work.



Basic Questions from Mark 7:31-37.

1. Notice Decapolis. Look again at Mark 5:20 and the events surrounding this region.
2. Notice the urgency of each situation. Why do we not feel the urgency of our medical needs?
3. Notice the unique process Jesus began in verse 33. What are your immediate impressions?
4. Why do you think Jesus took him by himself?
5. What might be the significance of the deep sigh?
6. When Jesus spoke it happened. What might be the significance of this statement to us?
7. Why the order not to say anything?
8. Notice the aggressive nature of the gospel's expansion in verse 36. Was their action of proclamation sin?
9. What was the response of those present?
10. Why do you think God did the miracle?
11. How might this passage change the way you think and behave?
12. What application can we make from this text?



The **Basic Application** from Mark 7:31-37.

1. What miracle are you asking God for? Know this, He loves you and is tender toward you. He does care about your feelings.
2. Do you believe He is able?
3. Do you recognize the miracle you are currently living?
4. You are a miracle!
5. God is working in you and through you. God is working in the absence of your awareness. Can you rejoice when He appears silent in your life but speaks loudly in the life of others?
6. Let us not forget that this individual was a Gentile and God was doing mighty acts in their midst.
7. Let us pray that God would save worshippers from Iraq, Afghanistan, and among the Hezbollah. Let us pray for a mighty work in the life of our government. **Let us not forget that God puts in place those whom He wills in order to accomplish what He wants.** Our God reigns and we are invited to pray for the power of God to be made known in order that all people might glorify the God of the Christian.

Continued on the other side...

8. Can God heal the deaf and cause the mute to speak? Can God cast out demons? Can God cause the lame to walk and the blind to see? Yes, God can, and God can work His will in those who hate Him the most. He did it in Paul; He did it in you and me, and He can do it today. Let us believe God, let us trust God and let us give Him the glory.
9. In the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit, I call you to have open ears and loosened tongues so that you might hear His voice and speak His truth.
10. How does this story cause you to change your thinking and/or actions?