

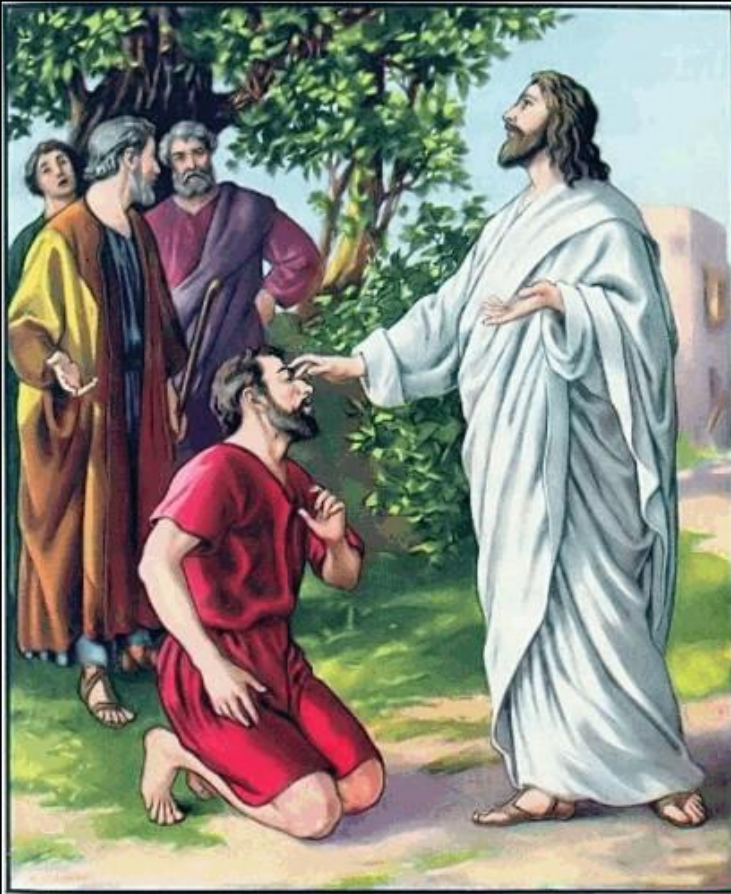


**Getting Ready for Sunday!**

**8 September 2024**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# Jesus Cures a Deaf Man



**Mark 7:31-37**

Today's Gospel passage gives an account of the healing of a man who could not hear.

There are many times when we all fail to listen well to others and God or to hear what is really important!

Next time that you are having a conversation with someone notice how well you are listening!

Are there sometimes when and some people to whom you prefer not to listen?

Jesus brought the Good News to people who never had the opportunity to hear it before. Jesus reached out to all people, not just any particular or special cohort of people.

Jesus spoke the Good News in a new, fresh and living manner that enabled those who may not have understood before to hear it and wish to share it with everyone they met.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.



**They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.**



**What do you need to beg  
Jesus for today?**

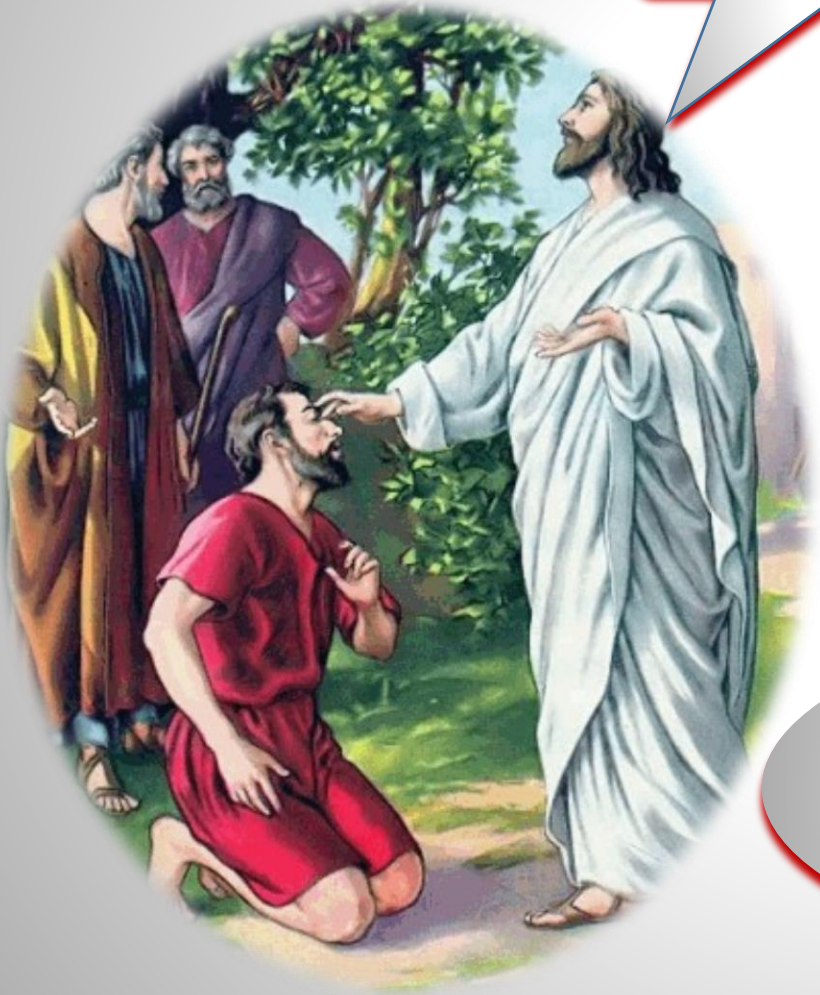
**What change do you need to  
make with which you need  
Jesus' help?**

He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him:

Ephphatha

that is, 'Be opened.'

Are your ears and your heart open to Jesus?





*And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.*

**Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.**



**It's very difficult to keep  
Good News to yourself!**

**What Good News can you  
share today?**

**They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'**



# Bible Search

Read Mark 7:31-37 in your family Bible



# Consider



*Listen to God's whisperings in your heart.*

# Praying to Jesus

Pray for the grace to be open to whatever God speaks to you during the week.

Ask God to help you to listen well.

