

Drama in Decapolis

Mark 7:31-37

Into the Lesson:

"The category for today's Final Jeopardy question is "Hymnology".

This Poet/Hymn writer incorporated part of Mark 7:37 in this Hymn.

(Imagine the Jeopardy theme music playing.)

Who is Fanny Crosby and what is "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"?

(#296 in Great Hymns of the Faith)

Into the Word:

As you reread Mark 7:31-37 make note of the groups or individuals involved and the level of the commitment of each in this passage:

What can we surmise about those who brought the deaf man to Jesus?

Could they be part of the same "fraternal order" we read about in Mark 2:3?

How does this scene compare with what we read about in John 5:1-9?

How does the lack of "**some people**" make this a somewhat dismal scene?

From Lane's sermon, maps or commentaries what do we know about the distance traveled, not just geographically but culturally, that Jesus encountered (v.31)?

Compare and contrast this healing encounter with what we read in 5:14-20.

How does the fact that Jesus separates from the crowd compare with what we see of modern day "faith healers"?

What about the more "hands on" approach of this miracle (v.33)?

Is this something we should make a part of our greeting time, (minus the spitting)?

How does the manner of "transmission" (vv.33-34) of this miracle speak to Jesus' level of compassion?

How does Isaiah 35:5-6 point to the fact that people had an awareness of God's plan and the consequences of a "fallen world"?

Into Life:

Take some time to consider, and pray, for the "**some people**" in your life that have been instrumental in your being where you are, in Christ.

Do you remember everyone that helped point you in the direction to follow Jesus?

How about those you are still in contact with?

What are some of the indications that a large part of our culture believes we are "the masters of our fate" and have attempted a lifestyle of "moral relativism"?

How do we become "**some people**" for them?

From Lane's sermon, how does each step in the process translate to our efforts to be "**some people**" to those we encounter daily?

THE REQUEST- MARK 7:32-
THE RESPONSE- MARK 7:35-
THE RESULT - MARK 7:35-
THE REACTION- MARK 7:37-

"Turn to me and be saved all you ends of the earth;
for I am God, and there is no other. -Isaiah 45:22