

# Mark 7:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

## Analysis

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**Straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain**—Mark's characteristic adverb emphasizes instantaneous healing. No gradual improvement—the ears were opened (passive voice: God acted), the tongue's bond was loosed. The imagery recalls Isaiah 58:6: loose the bonds of wickedness, let the oppressed go free. Jesus's healings embodied jubilee liberation—the Messiah releasing captives (Luke 4:18-19). Physical healings signaled deeper spiritual reality: Christ unbinds humanity from sin's bondage, opens deaf ears to God's voice, looses mute tongues to worship. **He spake plain**—clearly, correctly. This completeness characterizes all Jesus's healings—full renewal, previewing eschatological restoration when all creation is made new.

## Historical Context

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This fulfills Isaiah 35:5-6: eyes of the blind opened, ears of the deaf unstopped, lame leaping, mute tongue singing. Isaiah prophesied messianic age markers—Jesus's healings authenticated His messianic identity. When John's disciples asked if Jesus was the Coming One, Jesus cited His healings (Matthew 11:4-5). The man's immediate, perfect speech testified to genuineness—no psychological explanation could account for instant transformation.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does instant, complete healing illustrate that salvation is God's sovereign work, not human achievement?
2. How does physical healing point to deeper spiritual healing from sin's bondage?
3. What bonds in your life need Christ's liberating word?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	εὐθέως	διηνοίχθησαν	αὐτοῦ	αἱ	ἄκοαί	καὶ	ἐλύθη
<b>And</b>	<b>straightway</b>	<b>were opened</b>	<b>his</b>	G3588	<b>ears</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>was loosed</b>
G2532	G2112	G1272	G846		G189	G2532	G3089
ὁ	δεσμὸς	τῆς	γλώσσης	αὐτοῦ	καὶ	ἐλάλει	ὀρθῶς
G3588	<b>the string</b>	G3588	<b>tongue</b>	<b>his</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>he spake</b>	<b>plain</b>
	G1199		G1100	G846	G2532	G2980	G3723

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