

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

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, loosens 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

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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

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

καὶ	εὐθέως	διηνοίχθησαν	αὐτοῦ	αἱ	ἀκοαί	καὶ	ἐλύθη
And	straightway	were opened	his	G3588	ears	And	was loosed
G2532	G2112	G1272	G846	G189	G2532	G3089	
ο	δεσμὸς	τῆς	γλώσσης	αὐτοῦ	καὶ	ἐλάλει	ὁρθῶς
G3588	the string	G3588	tongue	his	And	he spake	plain
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