

Mark 7:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Analysis

Were beyond measure astonished. He hath done all things well—Mark intensifies Greek: exceedingly beyond measure astonishment, struck out of one's senses. Their amazement exceeded normal surprise—they witnessed something categorically unprecedented. This profound awe is appropriate response to divine in-breaking. The declaration **he hath done all things well** echoes Genesis 1:31: God saw everything he made, very good. The crowd recognizes Jesus's works parallel creation—He does all things well as God did creating the world. Not merely good but beautiful, fitting—restoration to original design. Jesus's healings reverse the Fall's curse, previewing new creation. **He maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak**—quoting Isaiah 35:5-6, messianic prophecy. Gentiles recognized what Jerusalem's scribes refused.

Historical Context

The Decapolis's enthusiastic response contrasts with Galilean rejection (Mark 6:1-6) and Pharisaic opposition. Those who should have recognized their Messiah—Jews, religious leaders—rejected Him. Gentiles in pagan territory immediately recognized divine action. This anticipates the gospel's trajectory: rejected by Israel's majority, spreading to Gentiles worldwide (Acts 13:46, Romans 11:11-12). The claim also testified against critics accusing Jesus of working through Beelzebul (Mark 3:22)—evil cannot produce such good.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing Jesus does all things well shape trust in His sovereignty over chaotic circumstances?
2. Why do outsiders and marginalized often recognize Jesus more readily than religious insiders?
3. How do Jesus's healings preview new creation where God makes all things new (Revelation 21:5)?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ὑπερπερισσῶς ἐξεπλήσσοντο λέγοντες Καλῶς πάντα^{Well}
And beyond measure they were astonished saying all things
G2532 G5249 G1605 G3004 G2573 G3956

πεποίηκεν καὶ τοὺς κωφοὺς ποιεῖ ἀκούειν καὶ τοὺς
He has done both the deaf He makes to hear and the
G4160 G2532 G3588 G2974 G4160 G191 G2532 G3588

ἀλάλους λαλεῖν
mute to speak
G216 G2980

Additional Cross-References

Mark 6:51 (Parallel theme): And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

Mark 5:42 (Parallel theme): And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

Mark 4:41 (Parallel theme): And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Mark 2:12 (Parallel theme): And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

Genesis 1:31 (Parallel theme): And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Psalms 139:14 (Parallel theme): I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

Acts 14:11 (Parallel theme): And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

Mark 1:27 (Parallel theme): And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

Luke 23:41 (Parallel theme): And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.