

# A Man in Need

*Mark 7.31-37*

**What's special about this story? v37**

**Jesus = God has arrived! Is 35.5-6**

## 1. A Man in Need, v32

- **an unusual condition Is 35.5-6**  
**deaf, severe speech impediment**
- **limited powers of communication**  
**socially isolated**
- **caring friends**  
**who brought him to Jesus**  
**a role for us too**
- **Jesus wants to do more for us**  
**- than we dare hope Eph 3.20-21**

## 2. A Marvellous Miracle, vs33-35

- **personal, private healing v33**  
**Jesus – sensitive to people**  
**he wants to befriend us**

**he touches us at our point of need**

➤ **passionate prayer v34**

**Jesus sighs over damage**

**caused by disease John 11.33**

**God hears our sighs**

**Psalm 5.1-2; Rom 8.26**

➤ **a deeply symbolic miracle v34-35**

**“be opened up” - to God**

**our prayer for others –**

**true freedom in Christ**

**Ps 51.14-15; John 8.31-32;**

**Heb 2.14-15; 1 John 4.18; Rom 8.1**

### **3. A Majestic Revelation, vs 36-37**

➤ **overwhelming amazement!**

**they couldn't not tell! Acts 4.20**

➤ **the sheer excellence of Jesus**

**he does everything well**

**in creation and salvation**

**and re-creation**

**Gen 1.31; Phil 1.6; Is 35.10**