

The Deaf Hear



Then Jesus answering said unto them,
Go your way, and tell John
what things ye have seen and heard;

- how that the blind see,
- the lame walk,
- the lepers are cleansed,
- the deaf hear,
- the dead are raised,
- to the poor the gospel is preached.



Go Tell John

Miracles



And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

(John 20:30-31)

Purpose of Signs and Miracles

VALIDATES THE MESSENGER		No one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him. John 3:2 Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst. Acts 2:22	
VALIDATES HIS AUTHORITY		That ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins. Matthew 9:6	
VALIDATES HIS MESSAGE		How will I know this? Luke 1:18 Amazed at His teaching. Matthew 7:28-29 Never a man spake like this man. John 7:46	
CONFIRMS FAITH		That you might believe. John 20:31 His disciples believed on him. John 2:11 Help thou my unbelief. Mark 9:24	

Miracles Attesting Jesus The Messiah

“Go tell John what you have seen and heard.”

(Luke 7:22 / Matthew 11:5)

- 1) Miracle of Sight
- 2) Miracle of Walking Lame
- 3) Miracle of Cleansed Lepers
- 4) **Miracle of the Deaf Hearing**
- 5) Miracle of Dead Living
- 6) Sign of Gospel Preaching (to the poor).

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Contrast With Other Signs

THE FIRST THREE SIGNS

The Blind, The Lame, and The Leper

- Prohibited from entering the Temple
- Prohibited from service, worship, or sacrifice.

THE DEAF

- There is no prohibition in Leviticus for the deaf.
- Symbolic of Israel's failure to obey the LORD

The Problem: Israel is Deaf

See Also

Deuteronomy 18:16
Let us not hear...

Deuteronomy 30:17
Turned heart away

Isaiah 42:18 **Hear, ye deaf;** and look, ye blind, that ye may see.

Isaiah 42:19 Who is blind, but my servant?
or deaf, as my messenger that I sent?
who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant?

Isaiah 42:20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not;
opening the ears, but he heareth not.

Jeremiah 5:21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without
understanding; which have eyes, and see not;
which have ears, and hear not: [see also 13:11]

Ezekiel 12:2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious
house, which have eyes to see, and see not;
they have ears to hear and hear not: for they are a rebellious house.

Why Parables?

The ability to hear with understanding

Matthew 13:10-17

Israel: Willfully Blind and Deaf

- (13) “while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.”
- (15) “FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL”¹

Disciples of Jesus

- (16) “blessed are your ... ears, because they hear”
- (17) “prophets and righteous desired ... to hear what you hear”²

1: Isaiah 6:9-10

2: Luke 10:24 (kings); Hebrews 11:39 (martyrs); 1 Peter 1:12 (angels)

The Promise

Isaiah 29:18

And in that day shall
the deaf hear the words of the book,
and the eyes of the blind
shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

Isaiah 35:5

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Mark 7:36-37



And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published *it*;

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

The Promise Fulfilled

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Mark 7:31-37

The most detailed account

Mark 9:20-27

Deaf & Mute spirit cast out.

There are ten times that the mute are healed and not associated with also being deaf.

Healing the multitudes – the deaf not identified specifically.

Matthew 15:29-31 is likely the same time & place as Mark 7.

Ears Opened

Mark 7:31-37

- 7:32 Deaf and spoke with difficulty
- 7:33 Jesus takes him aside privately,
Put his fingers in his ears,
Touched his tongue with saliva. Note the similarity to John 9:6 (spittle).
- 7:34 A deep sigh and says "Ephphatha!"
- 7:35 Ears "opened", "string of his tongue was loosened", "spoke plainly"
- 7:36 They cannot keep a secret!
- 7:37 Contrast these people with the Pharisees! "He has done all things well;
He makes even the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Be His Voice and Hear His Voice

Romans 10:14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed?

How will they believe in Him
whom they have not heard?
And how will they hear without a preacher?

Hebrews 3:7 Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,
"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, .

Hebrews 4:7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today,"
saying through David after so long a time
just as has been said before,
"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,"
"DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

Thank you

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