

## (42) Afflicted Healed (Mt. 15:29-31; Mk. 7:31-37)

1. The Lord's "retreat" in the region of Tyre moved on through Sidon and Decapolis (Mk. 7:31). Decapolis was the region where the Evangelist Formerly Known as Legion ministered (Mk. 5:20).
2. Matthew highlights the large crowds that gathered for healing (Mt. 15:30).
  - a. This episode shows a great parallel with Isa. 35:5-6 and demonstrates the nature of the Lord's Second Advent.
  - b. These gentile crowds glorified the God of Israel (Mt. 15:31).
3. Mark highlights one particular deaf and speech-impaired man (Mk. 7:32-36).
  - a. κωφὸν καὶ μογιλάλον *kōphōn kai mogilalon*. κωφός *kōphos* <sup>#2974</sup><sub>14x</sub>: *mute, deaf*. μογιλάλος *mogilalos* <sup>#3424</sup><sub>Hap.</sub>: *difficult of speech*; used only here and Isa. 35:6 LXX.
  - b. Jesus isolated the man and provided one on one sign-language instruction (Mk. 7:33).
  - c. The command for healing was uttered in the Aramaic language (Mk. 7:34). ἐφφαθά *erphhatha* <sup>#2188</sup><sub>Hap.</sub> translated by the aor.pass.imper. διανοίγω *dianoigō* <sup>#1272</sup><sub>8x</sub>: *be opened*.
4. More Decapolis evangelists are sparked by virtue of this event (Mk. 7:36-37).