

“On Christ’s glory I would fix all my thoughts and desires, and the more I see of the glory of Christ, the more the painted beauties of this world will wither in my eyes and I will be more and more crucified to this world. It will become to me like something dead and putrid, impossible for me to enjoy.” (John Owen)

**THESIS — From this text, we must behold Jesus. We wish to fix our eyes on Jesus! We want to do what verse 37 describes: “be utterly astonished at Jesus!”**

Fix our eyes on Jesus. **Jesus is...**

## **I. AVAILABLE TO THE OUTCASTS! (31-32)**

Decapolis: a region lying south and east of Galilee, began on the west side of the Jordan and stretched across that river to the east, encompassing the territory of Manasseh (Numbers 32:33–42). As the name Decapolis indicates, originally the area contained ten cities, most of them having been built by followers of Alexander the great and rebuilt by the Romans. Near the beginning of his ministry, it was to Decapolis that Jesus went after he had cast demons out of two men and into a herd of swine in Gadara (Mark 5:20), and multitudes from Decapolis followed the Lord (Matthew 4:25).

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## **II. MERCIFUL TO THE HOPELESS! (33-35)**

★**6** demonstrations of Jesus' mercy toward the hopeless.

1. The **PRIVACY** —
2. The **PROBLEM** —
3. The **PLAN** —

Mark 7:31-37 — “Be Utterly Astonished! Jesus Heals the Deaf and Mute Man”

4. The **POWER** —

5. The **PATHOS** / **pain** —

6. The **PERFECTION** —

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### **III. POWERFUL IN HIS SOVEREIGNTY (36-37)**

Healing the deaf and the mute is an act that *only God* can do. And that brings us to the end of v.37—

The topic of **Intertextuality**: how biblical texts use biblical texts; Studying how Scripture quote/allude to/echo previous texts. It's the \*interplay\* of biblical texts.

Mark masterfully *alludes* (intends to draw the reader's attention back to a previous text & its context) to **two Old Testament Scriptures (Gen 1 & Isa 35)**:

- Mark 7:37- He has done “all things well” (Gen 1.31) —
- Mark 7:37b - He makes the deaf to hear & the mute to speak (Isa 35:5-6) —

*Summary:*

- ★ v.37- 'he does all things well' — alludes to the supernatural **power** in the glory of **Creation** (Gen 1.31- God saw all that he had made and it was very good) // **goodness of God's work in creation**
- ★ v.37 - 'even the deaf to hear & the mute to speak — alludes to the supernatural **power** and glory of the Messianic **Kingdom** (Isa 35.5-6) // **goodness of God's Work in kingdom**

***Behold the majesty & glory of Jesus Christ.***

- ★Jesus is SAVIOR OF THE HELPLESS.
- ★Jesus is PERFECT IN HIS HEALING.
- ★Jesus is MERCIFUL TOWARD OUR REQUESTS.
- ★Jesus is CARING TOWARD US PERSONALLY.
- ★Jesus is MESSIAH IN HIS GLORY.
- ★Jesus is GOD IN HIS PERFECTIONS.
- ★Jesus is GOOD IN HIS CREATIONS.

“All heaven is enamored with the beauty of Christ. When ten thousand ages are employed in beholding the perfect and beauty of Jesus, he still will appear more and more lovely — even altogether lovely. (James Meikle)

**AND CAN IT BE?**

And can it be that I should gain  
 An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
 Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
 For me, who Him to death pursued?  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
 Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
 Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
 My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
 I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above,  
 So free, so infinite His grace;  
 Emptied Himself of all but love,  
 And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
 For, O my God, it found out me.  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread;  
 Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
 Alive in Him, my living Head,  
 And clothed in righteousness Divine,  
 Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

**O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
 My great Redeemer's praise,  
 The glories of my God and king,  
 The triumphs of His grace!

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,  
 New life the dead receive,  
 The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
 The humble poor believe.

My gracious master and my God,  
 Assist me to proclaim,  
 To spread through all the earth abroad  
 The honors of Thy name.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
 Your loosened tongues employ;  
 Ye blind, behold your Savior come,  
 And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
 That bids our sorrows cease;  
 'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Look unto Him, ye nations, own  
 Your God, ye fallen race;  
 Look, and be saved through faith alone,  
 Be justified by grace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
 He sets the prisoner free;  
 His blood can make the foulest clean,  
 His blood availed for me.

Glory to God, and praise and love  
 Be ever, ever given,  
 By saints below and saints above,  
 The church in earth and Heaven.