

MARK
CHAPTER 7:31-37
tape: SMX:123

THEME:

" He has done all things well "

TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Modeling the ministry

INTRODUCTION;

The region of *Decapolis* (ten cities) was again, a gentile territory. A strong Roman presence made this place a...

"A Rome away from Rome"

Remember the demoniac of Mark 5

Mark 5:19-20a KJV

Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

²⁰ And he departed, and began to proclaim in Decapolis, all that Jesus had done for him

OUR TEXT;

Modeling ministry (30-37)

John 14:12 KJV

Truly, truly I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father.

This is the Jesus Style

Romans 11:34 KJV
For who hath known the mind of the Lord? and who hath
been his counsellor?

A STYLE ALL HIS OWN

of servanthood toward man

In His *motions and movements*, **He tells** *of His mission*

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

- 1.) *His Touch went downward*
 - 2.) *His Look was upward*
 - 3.) *His Sight was inward*
 - 4.) *His Word went outward*
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Verses: 31-33a

Verse: 32

Deaf: Grk (*Ko fos*)
to become deaf, *to be cut off*

Impediment: Grk
to be *tongue-tied*, to toil, thick, *difficult*

Sometime after birth, While growing up

Verse: 32

...And they (*The man's friends*) *begged* Him.

Beg: Grk (*Para ka le o*)
to invoke or to invite *alongside*

This man looked normal in passing

Verse: 32

This handicap was very embarrassing; • unable to hear
• unable to speak (clearly)

...And they **brought** to Him one who was deaf...(*not crippled*)

Grk = to carry a *burden*, or to *pull a load*, or to *drive*

Exodus 4:10 KJV

And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

Numbers 12:3 KJV

Now the man Moses was very humble, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.

Verse: 33a ...And Jesus took him aside *from* the multitude

to prevent more embarrassment / a personal message

1.) *His Downward Touch ;*

*The loving contact by the true and living God;
association with His people*

Verse: 33b

AN UNSUAL VISUAL DISPLAY BY JESUS

*Mime,
sign language*

*Jesus becomes to this man, a living parable
off, away from the crowd*

Verse: 33b

- and He *put* His fingers in his ears.....**THRUST**
- He *spit* (On His fingers)
- *touched* his tongue.....**TOOK HOLD**

The area of Decapolis had many beliefs in cure-alls;

- 1.) drawing attention by *pointing* to the wound
- 2.) *Spit*, being medicinal (body rubs)

Hebrews 4:15

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched, (soom-path-eh'-o) with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Why,

Jesus reaches this man where he *can be reached*.

The man only knew the ways of his culture

Paul said: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

Researchers have found that monkeys raised in laboratories without touch die.

Children, husbands, wives *die without touch*

HANDS ON MINISTRY

- *He touches the untouchables*
- *He approaches the outcast*

2.) His Upward Look;

*The foundation and condition of all true work for God;
is Fellowship with the Father*

Verse: 34

Then, *looking* up: Grk =

- to *receive* sight,
- to *recover* site
- to *see* again

Jesus' communion (prayer) life

he looked up, indicating to the man where the healing was coming from.

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift *is from above*, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

(No changing)

2 Corinthians 4:18

we look not at the things which are seen, **but at the things which are not seen:** for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

We flinch or nervously nod upward

WE NEED TO LOOK UP IN PRAYER

Prayerlessness is the fundamental sin of the busy Christian

- If you *prayerlessly* go to work
- If you *prayerlessly* witness
- If you *prayerlessly* exist
- We try to be a Christian family, *prayerlessly*.....

FRUSTRATION, STRESS, FATIGUE, ANGER COME IN UPON YOU

Hebrews 12:2a KJV

Looking unto Jesus the *author* and *finisher* of our faith

Titus 2:13 KJV

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Phil. 3:20 KJV

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also *we look* for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

His example

Luke 9:16 KJV

Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and *looking up to heaven*, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

We stay in the
"Fail-mode" because we are obsessed with *looking back/ instead of looking forward...*
(Trust, Faith?)

One of Satan's attack plans is to get you to focus on the past

Psalm 103:12 KJV

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Micah 7:19 KJV

He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Isaiah 42:9 KJV

Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

3.) *His Inward Sigh ;*

*The pity and pain from a world gone bad from God;
His grief over the fall of man*

Verse: 34

Sighed: Grk (sten-ad'-zo)
murmur, pray inaudibly

John 11:33 KJV

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, *he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,*

*This greek word was used for
"the snorting of a horse" an involuntary gasp.*

Faber say's
" There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt
then in heaven"

Our ministries are to be done with compassion;

" The best doctor for you, is one who has suffered himself"

4.) *His Outward Word ;*

*The source of his power to heal is the word of God;
The Holy Spirits' work tools*

Verse: 34

John 14:26 KJV

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send, *He will bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

John 15:26 KJV

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, *he shall testify of me:*

THE HOLY SPIRIT USES THE WORD OF GOD

John 16:13 KJV

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for *he shall not speak of himself;* but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak.

A VERY HUMBLE POSITION

Matthew 23:11

But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

- The way up is the way **down**
- The upside **down** Kingdom
- The flow charts of the church go's **down,**

Revelation 2:6 KJV

But this thou hast, that thou hatest *the deeds* of the Nicolaitanes,
which I also hate.

Revelation 2:15 KJV

So hast thou also them that hold *the doctrine* of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

Verse: 35

- **Impediment** *Ligament or shackles*
- **Loosed** *Melted or broken or destroyed*
- **Plainly** *In a meaningful way*

Verse: 36-37

(The great exchange)

2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness
of God in him.

Verse 35

He spake; Grk =(lal-eh'-o);

To talk and *to keep on talking*, to speak and *to keep on speaking*

Verse 37

He has done all things well = He has done all things in a "*remarkable manner*"

Application

Jesus said, " let him who has ears to hear, let him hear "

man turned his ear away from God in the garden.

The ear is slave, to the will of the man,

What you choose to hear, you will hear.

The Model Ministry

(Home, work, relationships) is to be:

- **T**ouch • **L**ook • **S**igh • **W**ord

These things will produce a health ministry

John 13:14 KJV

If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. - "
not my feet !"

People over progress

*We can become so busy with our "Christian efforts"
that we forget the **Christ** of the effort*

- **The people** are more important to Jesus than the project
- **The missionary** is more important than the mission

The work that God is doing is in the person, is for the person so God might minister through the person.

Colossians 1:25 -27

Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God; ²⁶ Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: ²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

- God will never prostitute his people to get His work done
- God will never burn out his people to get His work done
- God will never destroy his people to get His work done
- God will never work at the expense of His people.

He's never been into human sacrifice
and He isn't now

Zechariah 4:6 KJV

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying,
Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Philippians 2:13 KJV

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Ephesians 2:10 KJV

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before
ordained that we should walk in them.