

Jesus cures a man who can neither hear nor speak

Last week we read about how Jesus cured Blind Bartimaeus. This week we read about another healing miracle by Jesus.

It happened while Jesus was near Lake Galilee in a place known as the Decapolis or the Ten Cities. As we know sometimes people came to Jesus looking for help for themselves but in this case the man must have had a family or friends who cared about him because Mark tells us that the man was brought to Jesus to be healed. The man was deaf and wasn't able to speak either. The people who brought the man **begged** Jesus to put out his hand to heal him, so life must have been very hard for that deaf man.

Jesus led the man away from the crowd. He put his fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and took a deep breath and then he said: 'Be opened'. Immediately the man was able to hear and to speak.

All the people gathered around, amazed. They said this man 'does everything well, he even makes the deaf hear again and the mute able to speak'.



Maybe there are different ways of being deaf? Could we be deaf to God? Do we listen to Him in his beautiful creation and in the people around us? When we go to Mass do we listen to God speaking to us?