



Word of ETERNAL LIFE

**'He has done all things well!'**

A reading from

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

St Mark, chapter 7: verses 31- 37

**He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region.

*And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly.*

And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him.

He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle.

Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' this is, 'Be opened.'

And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his

tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly.

And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it.

Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

Today's Gospel Reading is a confirmation of the many prophecies that are found in the Old Testament, including those mentioned during the first two Mass readings today...

In the words of Jesus, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled. [St Luke. 24:44]

Jesus miraculously healed the man who was deaf and who had an impediment in his speech. Astounded beyond measure, those who were present said, "He has done everything well!"

Indeed, Jesus has done everything well.

Not only has Jesus physically healed the man, but through His Blood, He has renewed mankind. He has created a new world, the Kingdom of God, through the Sacrament of Baptism.

By the grace of God the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are new creations, a holy nation, holy children of God. The gift of our new heart is the proof of such. For while we can perceive spiritual things with our new heart through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, those who are not of God, they cannot perceive.

"But there are many other things Jesus has done. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." [St John. 21:25]\*

Let us reflect on what Jesus has done for us. Let us reflect on the words of the crowd when they said, "He has done everything well." [Mk. 7:37] May the grace of God always be with us so we will never forget the abundance of treasures that we have received through Jesus Christ and His Spirit."

*\*Important piece of Scripture here in what St John says about the world not being able to hold the books which would have to be written... the unwritten things Jesus said and did are handed down through Sacred Tradition! Nota Bene!!*

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