



“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Mark 7:31-37 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon

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Introduction –As we finish Mark chapter 7,
Jesus heals a man who is deaf and dumb.

I. The Living Parable.

A. The man brought to Jesus was probably not born deaf.

B. Jesus does five things with this man that form a living parable.

II. The Lord is Our High Priest.

A. The main function of the High Priest in Israel was to offer a sacrifice for the sins of the people once a year.

B. The High Priest was chosen by lot and expected to be of the highest moral character.

C. The writer of Hebrews describes Jesus as our High Priest.

D. What Jesus does with the deaf-mute resembles the ministry of a High Priest.

E. Jesus identifies deeply with this man.

1. Cognitively.

2. Emotionally.

3. Spiritually.

4. Sacrificially.

F. Jesus’ “sigh” is not expected here. Mark points us to Isaiah 35 to help us understand Messiah’s “sigh.”

Conclusion