HE DOES ALL THINGS WELL

INTRODUCTION:

At the very end of the creation account it says in verse 31, "God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day." (Genesis 1:31, NASB95) God does not create bad things, and when He finished creating at the end of the sixth day His creation was perfect. In the same way, as God Incarnate, Jesus Christ never only partially healed, or did not make an impaired person only partially whole. Jesus Christ, our Creator, completely and perfectly healed those who came to Him. The greatest miracle that ever occurred for any person was the miracle of salvation, when a defiled and corrupt heart was made clean and whole again. This miracle could also be described as very good. This morning we will see again that Jesus does all things well, just as He has done since the creation of the universe.

I. FROM TYRE TO THE DECAPOLIS (Mark 7:31)

- a. For more than a year Jesus had been ministering in the villages and towns and along the shore of the region of .
- b. Remember that the disciples had just recently proclaimed that Jesus was the _____ of _____ who alone spoke words of eternal life.
- c. As there time in _____ ended, and we have no indication as to how long they were there, Mark tells of their route and where they ended up.
- d. The Decapolis was on the southeast side of the Sea of Galilee, and it was populated by ______ and outside the territory ruled by Herod Antipas.
- e. It is unclear if Jesus' intent was to minister in this Gentile region, but just like in Tyre, He could not go _____. (Matthew 15:29-31)
- f. Though these Gentiles were idol worshipers, they had heard about ______ from the liberated demoniac and others who had seen His power demonstrated in Galilee.

II. FROM IMPAIRMENT TO COMPLETENESS (Mark 7:32-35)

- a. Mark informs us that some family or friends brought to Jesus a man who was ______ and who spoke with difficulty.
- b. This man did have some family or friends that ______ enough about him to bring him to Jesus.
- c. As Jesus begins to care for this man, we again see His great
- d. Jesus showing the lovingkindness of God began to communicate with this man by using gestures and non-verbal signals, a sort of _____ language.
- e. The Son of God, the Creator, would heal him by God's _____ from above, and He would do so because He _____ deeply about him.
- f. I want you to understand that this miracle went far beyond just simply ______ this man's physical disabilities. (Hebrews 1:3)

III. FROM UTTERLY ASTONISHED TO GLORIFYING GOD (Mark 7:36-37)

- a. Can you even imagine this man's reaction to what just happened to him? It had to be an _____ of exuberant joy.
- b. This may seem strange to us that Jesus commanded this man whose speech He had just ______ to not speak.
- c. But the main reason for this order not to tell anyone was because Jesus did not want to be simply known as a
- d. Those who were commanded to keep _____ could and would not, and Jesus repeated His command.

CONCLUSION:

As stated before, the purpose of Jesus healing sickness and disabilities was to point people to something greater, the hope of eternal life. Jesus was so much more than a miracle worker and great teacher; He is the only Savior who died to pay the penalty for sin and rose victoriously. Through Him, forgiveness from sin, and reconciliation with God are readily available to everyone who believes the gospel, whether Jew or Gentile. Those who repent and believe in Jesus Christ will receive salvation and will experience our Savior's life-giving power for all eternity. At the moment that we repent and believe in the Lord Jesus our sinful hearts are spiritually cleansed. Physically our bodies will one day be resurrected or changed (if we are still alive at His return), never to experience disease or decay again. In the state of glorified perfection, free from both sin and the affects of sin, we will forever worship our Redeemer and King! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!