

Greek Readings
Series B, Proper 18
Mark 7:31-37

• **Verse 31**

- Parse ἐξελθὼν _____ . What type of participle is it? (Voelz, 119) _____ .
- Define τῶν ὄριων. (BDAG, 723) _____ . Why is it genitive? (Voelz, 238) _____ .
- Look up Tyre, Sidon and the Decapolis in a Bible map. Why is Jesus in Gentile territory? (See Mark 7:24) _____ .

• **Verse 32**

- Define μογιλάλον (BDAG, 656) _____ . What does the word in fact mean? _____ .
- Parse παρακαλοῦσιν _____ .
- Parse ἐπιθῆ _____ .
- What type of construction is παρακαλοῦσιν...ίνα ἐπιθῆ? (Voelz, 180) _____ .

• **Verse 33**

- Parse ἀπολαβόμενος, a hapax in Mark _____ ; Define ἀπολαμβάνω (BDAG, 115) _____ .
- Define τοὺς δακτύλους (BDAG, 211) _____ .
- Parse πτύσας _____ ; and define (BDAG, 895) _____ . See also Mark 8:23 and John 9:6. Other than being “gross,” what does the spittle show? _____ .
- Parse ἤψατο _____ ; and define (BDAG, 126) _____ .
- Why does Jesus place his fingers in the man’s ears and spit on his tongue?

• **Verse 34**

- Parse ἀναβλέψας _____ .
- In verses 33-34 there are three aorist participles (πτύσας... ἤψατο... ἀναβλέψας...). What type of participle are they? (Voelz, 119) _____ . What is the main verb and how would you translate these participles? _____ .
- Parse ἐστέναξεν _____ .
- Why does Jesus groan/sigh (BDAG, 942)? Compare John 11:33, 38. Are the situations parallel? _____ .
- Define εφραθα (BDAG, 419) _____ . What language is this? _____ .
- Parse διανοίχθητι _____ ; and define (BDAG, 234) _____ .

• **Verse 35**

- The word εὐθέως is in brackets which means there is some debate whether this word was originally written by Mark. What is the textual support for the word and against it? What is your position and why?

- Parse ἤνοιγησαν _____.
- Define ὁ δεσμὸς (BDAG, 219) _____.
- Define the adverb ὥρθως (BDAG, 722) _____.
- What type of imperfect is ἐλάλει? (Voelz, 60) _____.
- For this periscope some Bible headings are “A Deaf and Dumb Man Healed.” Was this man “dumb,” i.e. mute? _____.
- What does αἱ ἀκοαί in fact mean? _____.

- **Verses 36**
 - Parse διεστείλατο _____.
 - Parse λέγωσιν _____.
 - What type of adjective is μηδενὶ? (Voelz, 143) _____.
 - Define ὅσον (BDAG, 729) _____.
 - Define περισσότερον (BDAG, 806) _____.
 - What degree is this adverb? (Voelz, 232-235) _____.
 - What is the use of αὐτοὶ in this verse? (Voelz, 255-256) _____.
 - What type of imperfect is ἐκήρυσσον? (Voelz, 60) _____.
 - Comment on why Mark uses κηρύσσω here; does it support the secrecy motif, or does Mark advance the theme of proclamation? If so, how? _____.
- **Verse 37**
 - Define the adverb ὑπερπερισσῶς (BDAG, 1034) _____.
 - Parse ἐξεπλήσσοντο _____; What type of imperfect is it? (Voelz, 60) _____.
 - Parse λέγοντες _____; What type of participle is it? (Voelz, 119) _____.
 - Parse πεποίηκεν _____.
 - Parse ποιεῖ _____.
 - Parse ἀκούειν _____.
 - Parse λαλεῖν _____.
 - What type of infinitives are being used here? (Voelz, 100) _____.
 - What is the theological point of deaf persons hearing, and dumb speaking? _____.

Integration of Meaning

Come up with a sermon title and two to three supporting points.