

31 **Then Jesus left the area around Tyre and went through Sidon to Lake Galilee** [^Tthe Sea of Galilee], **to the area of the Ten Towns** [*or* Decapolis; ^Can area east of Lake Galilee that once had ten main towns; 5:20].

32 **While he was there, some people brought a man to him who was deaf and could not talk plainly** [had a speech impediment]. **The people begged Jesus to put his hand on the man to heal him.**

33 **Jesus led the man away from the crowd, by himself. He put his fingers in the man's ears and then spit and touched the man's tongue.** [^CThe use of saliva is mentioned in other ancient accounts of healing, and elsewhere in the Gospels; see 8:23; John 9:6.]

34 **Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to the man, "Ephphatha!"** (This means [^Cin Aramaic], **"Be opened."**)

35 **Instantly the man was able to hear and to use his tongue**

so that he spoke clearly.

36 **Jesus commanded** [ordered; instructed] **the people not to tell anyone about what happened. But the more he commanded** [ordered; instructed] **them, the more they told about** [proclaimed] **it.**

37 **They were completely amazed and said, "Jesus does everything well. He makes the deaf hear! And those who can't talk** [the mute] **he makes able to speak."**

22 **Jesus and his followers came to Bethsaida** [6:45].

There, some people brought a blind man to Jesus

and begged him to touch the man.

23 **So Jesus took the blind man's hand and led him out of the village. Then he spit on the man's eyes** [see 7:33] **and put** [laid] **his hands on the man**

and asked,

"Can you see [anything] **now?"**

24 **The man looked up and said, "Yes, I see people, but they look like trees walking around."**

25 **Again Jesus put** [laid] **his hands on the man's eyes.**

Then the man opened his eyes wide [stared intently] **and they were healed** [his sight was restored],

and he was able to see everything clearly.

26 **Jesus told him to go home, saying, "Don't go into the town."**

[^CJesus wanted to avoid the publicity that the healing would produce.]

[Compare next passage]