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# Eyes to See and Ears to Hear

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## Mark 7:31-32

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

## Mark 7:33-34

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. 34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!").

## Mark 7:35-36

At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.

# Mark 7:37

People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

## Mark 8:1-2

During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat."

A man in a tan coat and blue jeans is walking across a city street at night. The street is wet and reflects the city lights. In the background, there are blurred buildings and streetlights. The overall tone is cinematic and moody.

# Mark 8:5

**"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.**

**"Seven," they replied.**

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## Mark 8:6

He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so.

## Mark 8:7-8

They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

## Mark 8:9-10

About four thousand were present. After he had sent them away, he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.

## Mark 8:11-12

The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. He sighed deeply and said, "Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it."

# Mark 8:13

Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side.

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## Mark 8:14-15

The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. "Be careful," Jesus warned them.

"Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod."

## Mark 8:16-17

They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread." Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened?"

## Mark 8:18-19

Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"

"Twelve," they replied.

## Mark 8:20-21

"And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"

They answered, "Seven."

He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

A man in a tan coat and blue jeans is walking across a crosswalk in a city street. The background is a blurred city scene with buildings and other pedestrians. The text is overlaid on the image.

# Mark 8:22

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him.

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## Mark 8:23-24

He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

## Mark 8:25-26

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."

## Mark 8:27-28

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

## Mark 8:29-30

**"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.**



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