

# THE MASTER'S TOUCH

## Mark 7:31-37

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And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.

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And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

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And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;

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And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

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And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

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And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it;

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And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

I. Jesus healed the deaf man with a speech impediment:

A. The people begged Jesus to heal the man.

B. Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears, then spat and touched the man's tongue.

C. Then Jesus sighed, looked to heaven and said "Be opened."

D. The man's ears were opened and he could speak plainly. The people said "He has done all things well."

II. There are other examples of Jesus' touch in the book of Mark:

A. Jesus took Simon's mother-in-law by the hand and her fever left her

[Mark 1:30, 31](#)

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But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

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And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

B. Jesus touched the leper and was immediately made clean

[Mark 1:40-42](#)

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And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

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And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

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And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

C. People with disease pushed forward to touch him

Mark 3:10

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For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

D. The woman with a severe bleeding problem touched the hem of his garment and was healed

Mark 5:27-29

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When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

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For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

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And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

E. Jesus took the hand of a 12 year old girl and raised her from the dead

Mark 5:41-43

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And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

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And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

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And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

F. Parents brought their children to Jesus to be touched by him

Mark 10:13

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And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

G. Blind Bartimaeus begged Jesus to touch him and heal him

Mark 10:46-52

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And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

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And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.

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And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.

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And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

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And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

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And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

III. People need to be touched:

A. A mother touches her baby.

B. People in nursing facilities need touch.

C. A husband and wife touch.

D. A father and his teenager need to touch.

IV. Jesus gave five blessings with his touch:

A. Forgiveness - Be kind to one another forgiving one another, forgiving one another as in Christ God forgave you

[Ephesians 4:32](#)

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

B. Identification - Jesus is our High Priest and identifies with our weakness; he is touched with our infirmities

[Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

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Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

C. Security - By his death he destroys Satan and frees us

[Hebrews 2:14,15](#)

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Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

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And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

D. Affirmation - We have an anchor for our soul; he is our High Priest

[Hebrews 6:19,20](#)

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Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

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Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

E. Cleanses us - The blood of Christ purifies our conscience from dead works

[Hebrews 9:14,15](#)

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How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.