

Try to imagine the world of Helen Keller before that day when, at nine years old, she realized that letters, written on her hand, had some connection to the world around her. With the help of her teacher and friend, Anne Sullivan, the blind, deaf and mute Helen went on to travel the world, inspire countless people, become an ambassador for the disabled, and a prolific author and speaker. Her relationship with Anne changed her life.

Mark's Gospel records another encounter of a man who knew all the limitations of being deaf and mute. So, what can we learn from that man's encounter with Jesus? How is the world around us experiencing Jesus through us?

Praying...

Caring...

Touching...

Speaking...

Personal Application and Interaction

1. How do you feel or react when you “encounter” people with a very discernable disability?
2. What do you do to reach out to people who have a disability that creates a sizeable communication barrier?
3. What did Jesus do to communicate with the man who was deaf and mute? What would you have done to communicate with him?
4. Jesus sighed. What was that all about?
5. How are people encountering Jesus through you?



Encountering Jesus

Mark 7:31-37

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