

Announcing the

SON OF GOD

from Mark's Gospel

God in a Box

Mark 7:31-37

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1. **God cares for people** who are picked last.

“³¹Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There 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 7:31-37

**What lessons
does this healing
story reveal about
God?**

What made him last?

- **He was the wrong color**
- **He was not whole**
- **He lived on the wrong side of the tracks**

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God Heals Who He Wants Too

“The LORD said to him,
‘Who gave human beings their mouths?
Who makes them deaf or mute?
Who gives them sight or makes them blind?
Is it not I, the LORD?’”

Exodus 4:11

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CAUTION

When God is in my box,
I earn my blessings,
you deserve
your hardships.



2. **God cares for people in strange ways.**

“³³After 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. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”).”

Mark 7:33-34

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CAUTION

When God is in my box,
I treat him like a
cosmic vending
machine.



3. **God cares to provide**
the meal more than
the o'rdeuvers.

“Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.”

Mark 7:36

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God?**

CAUTION

When God is in my box,
I límit how God can show up
and what God wants to do.



Question



Am I interested in
healing or the healer?

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Jesus Makes His Point

“⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.”

Isaiah 35:5-6

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