

Parallel healing stories

	Mark 7:31-37	Mark 8:22-26
A place reference begins the story:	[31] Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.	[22] And they came to Bethsaida.
The person is brought by others:	[32] And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment,	And some people brought to him a blind man
They beg of Jesus:	and they begged him	and begged him
They want Jesus to touch him:	to lay his hand on him.	to touch him.
There is a concern for privacy:	[33] And taking him aside from the crowd privately,	[23] And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village
Jesus uses spit:	he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.	and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him,
He speaks to the man:	[34] And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."	he asked him, "Do you see anything?"
The man is healed:	[35] And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.	[24] And he looked up and said, "I see men, but they look like trees, walking." [25] Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.
There is a concern for crowds:	[36] And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. [37] And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."	[26] And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."