Mark 7:31-37

- The healing of the <u>blind</u> man with a <u>speech</u> <u>impediment.</u>
- Jesus charged the people not to proclaim it.
- · Diastellomai means "that which is commanded."
- Do you have a hard time following other's instructions?

- THIS STORY REFLECTS THE SAD REALITY OF **SPIRITUAL OBEDIENCE**.
 - He strictly charged them and they were rebellious.
 - Some may think the people had good intentions.
 - Thought Jesus was just being humble.
- Jesus has his reasons!!!!!

- THE PARADOX OF THIS TEXT IS MIND-BOGGLING
 - The people admitted that Jesus "had done all things well."
 - But they chose to **ignore** and **disobey** him.
 - They refuse to listen to the perfect one.
- Conclusion: These people are what can be described as stiff-necked- Acts 7.