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Jesus does all things well

It's a short phrase. It is easy to rush by it as you read the gospel account of one of Jesus' miracles.

"He has done all things well."

Let's slow down and think about it.

The phrase occurs in Mark's gospel, chapter 7 verse 37. Earlier in the chapter Jesus traveled north of Galilee to the region of Tyre where He answered the plea of a Gentile woman to cast a demon out of her daughter. Jesus told her, "the demon has gone out of your daughter" (verse 29). When the woman got back to her home she saw that the demon was gone.

Then Jesus went south to the area of Decapolis where people begged Him to heal a man who was deaf and had difficulty speaking. Jesus healed him—the man could hear and speak clearly. The people were "utterly astonished" and responded by saying,

"He has done all things well; He makes even those who are deaf hear, and those who are unable to talk, speak."

They saw and believed that Jesus did all things well. *Well*. The word had a range of meanings, including having a beautiful appearance, being useful, pleasant, advantageous, and morally good. Jesus used it earlier in the chapter when He said "it is not *good* to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs" (verse 27). It is not morally good, not pleasing to God to do that.

Those who saw this miracle were saying more than it was nice and advantageous. Their view was that this and all of Jesus' work they saw was right and good.

They were utterly astonished, saying,



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who are DEAF HEAR, and
those who are unable to TALK, SPEAK."**

Mark 7:37

Jesus has done, does and always will do all things *well*. That is part of His nature as God the Son. Recall God saying that His creation was good, was very good in Genesis chapter 1. Isaiah prophesied that when the Messiah comes

“the eyes of those who were blind will be opened, and the ears of those who are deaf will be unstopped” (35:5).

What does this mean for us?

Let's get down to basics, our response to Christ's work. When you think of His

dying on the cross to pay your sin debt,

His blessing you with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

sending the Holy Spirit to teach, encourage you, make your character more like Jesus,

providing all your needs and more,

how do you respond?

Are you “utterly astonished” by His gracious and powerful work as those who saw Him heal that man were? Or, has it become so familiar that you seldom reflect, are in awe, are “utterly astonished” that Jesus does all these things well for you?

Remember the words of the hymn,

All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt His tender mercy Who through life has been my guide?

Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!

For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

Whatever your circumstances are like today, however you feel today, rest in, praise God that Jesus does all things well for you.

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