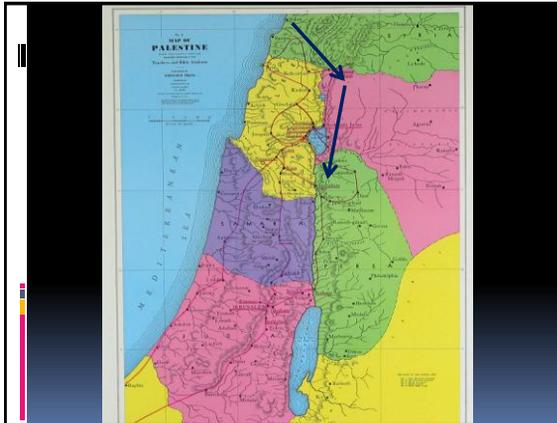


3. Ephphatha – Mark 7: 24-37

UNFORGETTABLE



• Israel in the New Testament



Jesus' Healing Method



- Stick fingers in ears
- Spit
- Touch tongue
- Hope you don't get sued!

- Map – nonJewish area
- Man - desperate
- Method – unorthodox!
- Miracle
 - Special : it's unique
 - Signature : it's promised
 - Significant : it points to what needs to happen to us

Different kinds of "hearing"

- Beethoven "hearing" music to compose when he was deaf
 - "Listening" to our conscience
 - "Hearing" the voice of God.
 - "The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God"
 - "My sheep will hear my voice"
 - "If anyone hears my voice and opens the door..."
- "Ephphatha: be opened!"*

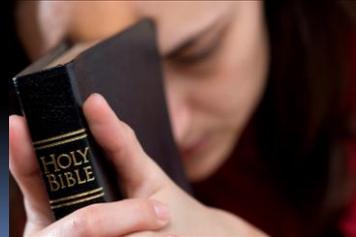
Hearing God's voice is...

- A command : "be opened"
- A gift : we can't do it in ourselves
- An invitation : to a new dimension of life



How do we hear God?

1. Open our heart to the scriptures.



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"Surely not. Lord!"

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5. Practise.