

Message Outline

Baseball and the Bible:

Why Spit?

Mark 7:31-37, 8:22-26



Intro: Biblical lessons from baseball...

- “In the big-inning” (Gen.1:1), “Keep your eye on the ball” (Mt.6:33), playing in dirt (Jn.8)...today, spit...
- Of all the books in the Bible, Mark mentions spit most often...

Read: Mark 7:31-37

v.31-32—Place and people that bring man to Jesus...

v.33-35—Reaching out in ways the deaf/mute can understand...

v.36-37—The reasoning behind the secrecy...

Read: Mark 8:22-26

v.22-23a—Once again, others break the ice and then Jesus deals personally with person...

v.23b-26—A healing involving spitting that happens in stages...

Read: Mark 10:32-34, 14:53, 61b-65, 15:16-20

- Spitting not for healing but hurting—not miracles but mockery...

Why Spit?

- 1) _____
 - Swapping spit synonymous with intimacy/closeness...a God who draws close!
- 2) _____
 - Our spittle spreads sickness...NOT Jesus! His heals!
 - Opens mouth thru the opening of His Word...
- 3) _____
 - Some healing happens in stages (8:25)...
- 4) _____
 - Healing begins with others being introduced to Jesus...