

THE LIFE OF
JESUS

Message 16
Hearing and Speaking

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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on *The Life of Jesus* – Reading 91

And when He comes, He will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf.
Isaiah 35:5 (NLT)

Jesus is...

1. Attentive to my _____.
(Mark 7:33-35. C/R: Isaiah 35:5; 1 Corinthians 2:14;
1 Peter 5:7)

2. Aware of my _____.
(Mark 7:36. C/R: Mark 8:29-31; John 2:25;
Hebrews 4:15-16)

3. Always _____.
(Mark 7:37. C/R: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10;
Philippians 4:6-7, 19)

Answers: 1. needs 2. nature 3. sufficient

Resource Information: Outline and onscreen verses are from HCSB version (Holman Christian Standard Bible) of *The Holy Bible*. Our resource book for this series is *The Life of Jesus, A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels*, which is available in the Bookstore. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your faith and stir meaningful conversations with friends and family. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.
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Conversation Starter

Name one story in the Old Testament you would have liked to witness in person.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Mark 7:31-37](#) (Reading #91 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. Jesus walked more than 60 miles to reach this deaf man. Think about that for a minute. What does that stir up in you?
2. Why do you think the people were begging Jesus to heal this man?
3. Jesus performed many miracles in front of crowds, family members and friends. What was the relevance of pulling this deaf man away from the crowd and performing this miracle privately?
4. Before healing the man, Jesus *sighed deeply*. This was an expression of grief, a sincere groan, a sense of burden. (This anguish is further described in [Romans 8:23](#) and [2 Corinthians 5:2-4](#)).
 - a. Have you ever felt this way because of someone else's pain or as a response to the brokenness of this world? Explain.
 - b. What does God want you to do when this emotion comes upon you?
5. [Mark 7:36](#) states *He ordered them to tell no one, but the more He would order them, the more they would proclaim it*. Why did Jesus want them to keep quiet? Why do you think they didn't?

6. Have you felt Jesus reach out and perform a miracle in your life? If so, what has been your response? Are you sharing this freely?
7. Jesus could have healed the deaf man without physically touching his ears and tongue. Why do you think Jesus chose this method of healing? Why was this significant?
8. Do you believe God heals like this in our day? Why or why not?
9. What specific things is God teaching you about yourself and about Him in this week's teaching? How is God leading you to respond?

Soul Training

Write down the words *God is greater than* on a piece of paper or in your journal. Then make a list of all things you can think of that God is greater than (e.g., my fears, my past, my mom's cancer, etc.). Use this as a time to become more **aware** and more **amazed** at how big God is. Turn your list into a prayer: *God, You are greater than...* Ask Him to come into your life with great power. Ask Him to restore and heal and mend.

Memory Verse

So the crowd was amazed when they saw those unable to speak talking, the deformed restored, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they gave glory to the God of Israel.

[Matthew 15:31 \(HCSB\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
May 1	91		Mark 7:31-37
May 2	92		Matthew 15:29-38 ; Mark 8:1-10
May 3	93		Matthew 15:39-16:4 ; Mark 8:11-12
May 4	94		Matthew 16:5-12 ; Mark 8:13-21
May 5	95		Mark 8:22-26

Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, May 7, we'll study *Peter's Great Confession about Jesus* in [Matthew 16:13-20](#); [Mark 8:27-30](#); and [Luke 9:18-20](#). These three passages are harmonized in Reading #96 in *The Life of Jesus*.