

# Are You Listening to Jesus?

Mark 7: 31-37

## I. There is a difference between hearing and listening.

“Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.” (Mark 7:35 NKJV)

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.” (Revelation 2:11 NKJV)

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:22 NKJV)

“But He said, ‘More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!’” (Luke 11:28 NKJV)

- Jesus wants us to not only be hearers of the word, but also doers.

## II. Jesus has a message that we need to hear.

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed. . .” (Luke 4:18 NIV)

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17 NKJV)

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16 NKJV)

- If we follow the teachings of the Bible our lives will be more fruitful.

### III. Jesus is an ear opener.

“Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’” (Mark 7:34 NKJV)

“Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, ‘Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?’”

(Matthew 8:26b-27 NKJV)

“Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ And he said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ Then the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’”

(Acts 9:4-5 NKJV)

- Jesus has the power to open the spiritually deaf ears.