

# IN JESUS' OWN WORDS

## EPHAPHATHA

<sup>31</sup> Again, leaving the region of Tyre, he went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had difficulty speaking and begged Jesus to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> So he took him away from the crowd in private. After putting his fingers in the man's ears and spitting, he touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Looking up to heaven, he sighed deeply and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (that is, "Be opened!"). <sup>35</sup> Immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was loosened, and he began to speak clearly. <sup>36</sup> He ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more they proclaimed it.

<sup>37</sup> They were extremely astonished and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Mark 7:31-37 (CSB)

Write things you want to remember here

Other verses that tie into this story:

<sup>1</sup>“Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup>When you give to someone in need, don’t do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to someone in need, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. <sup>4</sup>Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

Matthew 6:1-6 (NLT)

<sup>19</sup>They will say to you, “Seek oracles at the pits used to conjure up underworld spirits, from the magicians who chirp and mutter incantations. Should people not seek oracles from their gods, by asking the dead about the destiny of the living?”

Isaiah 8:19 (NET)

Here too

The one thing I know for sure about Jesus is:

