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Topic: Life of Christ: Healing the Dumb and Deaf

Scripture text: Mark 9:14-29

1. In this passage, the scribes were disputing and arguing with the disciples of Jesus Christ. A father approached the Lord Jesus Christ because no one could heal his son who was dumb and deaf since young. The father and son were both suffering and in a completely helpless situation.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ did not ask for their money or for them to do good works. He only asked them to exercise faith, which is to believe that Jesus is God and He has the power to heal. The father immediately confessed his faith and did not want it to be mixed with doubt. Those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are spiritually dumb and deaf. We must desperately seek for healing, which comes simply by believing in Christ.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ healed the son completely. In Matt 17:20, the reason for the disciples' inability to cast out the spirit is given. It was because of their unbelief, meaning they did not have the genuine faith that Jesus could heal him. They allowed their sight to influence their faith. Therefore, there is the need to fast and pray as that will put the focus on the Lord Jesus Christ. We must take our eyes away from the world, and have faith in Christ. We must spend time with God and not doubt.