



No One Cares Like Jesus

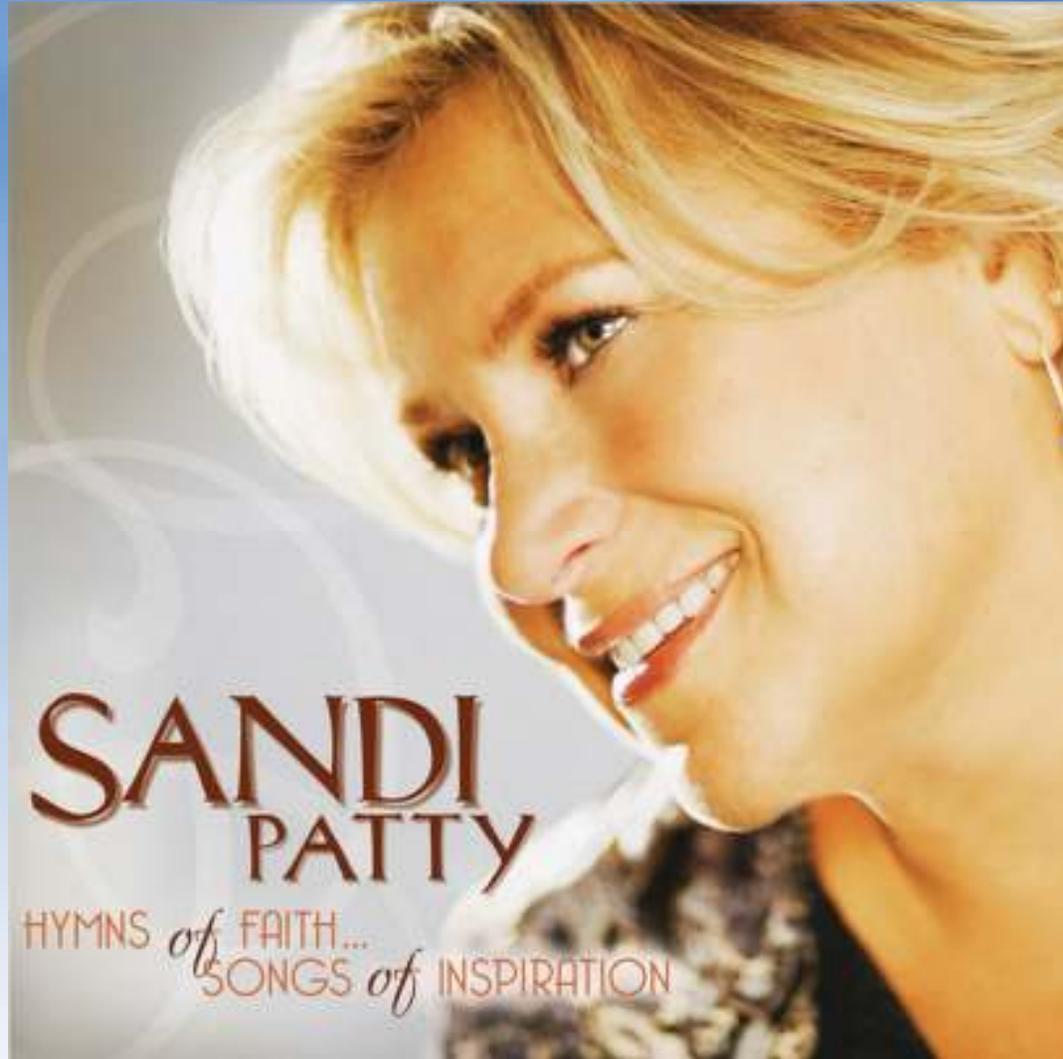
Mark 7:31-37





No One Cares Like Jesus

Mark 7:31-37



**SANDI
PATTY**

HYMNS *of* FAITH...
SONGS *of* INSPIRATION

Many of us can identify with that song

- And we don't know the half of what Jesus has done for us
- **John 21:25 NLT** Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.

The word most often identified with Jesus is compassion

- Compassion = literally means “to suffer together.” It is defined as the feeling that arises when you are confronted with another's suffering and feel motivated to relieve that suffering

When Jesus looked at mankind, he saw the suffering that was the result of our sinfulness

- In identifying with our humanity, he identified with our suffering to the point that he provided a healing for the cause of all our suffering
 - We call it salvation
 - Not necessary the physical results of our sinfulness, but the ultimate result which is death

When Jesus looked at mankind, he saw the suffering that was the result of our sinfulness

- That is why Jesus healed, cast out demons, raised from the dead
- Mark in writing to the Greeks/Gentiles left us with an event where Jesus demonstrated His compassion on a Gentile lost sheep
- **Mark 7:31-37**

Using Matthew as a guide we know Jesus has traveled somewhere between 120-160 miles between verse 30 and 31 in Mark

- Some have called this a walking seminar
- He would have run into statues of Zeus, Astarte Canaanite goddess worshipped by the Ashtaroth, Baal, Artemis, Hercules and many other Greek and Canaanite gods

Using Matthew as a guide we know Jesus has traveled somewhere between 120-160 miles between verse 30 and 31 in Mark

- He is known even in the Gentile area and large crowds came to Him
- Literally, many crowds, multiple crowds, waves of crowds
- Crowds of lame, crippled, blind, mute and many others
- They literally starting throwing people the feet of Jesus

Using Matthew as a guide we know Jesus has traveled somewhere between 120-160 miles between verse 30 and 31 in Mark

- **Matthew 15:29-31 NLT** 29 Jesus returned to the Sea of Galilee and climbed a hill and sat down. 30 A vast crowd brought to him people who were lame, blind, crippled, those who couldn't speak, and many others. They laid them before Jesus, and he healed them all.

Using Matthew as a guide we know Jesus has traveled somewhere between 120-160 miles between verse 30 and 31 in Mark

- **Matthew 15:29-31 NLT** 31 The crowd was amazed! Those who hadn't been able to speak were talking, the crippled were made well, the lame were walking, and the blind could see again! And they praised the God of Israel.

Using Matthew as a guide we know Jesus has traveled somewhere between 120-160 miles between verse 30 and 31 in Mark

- Did Zeus love these people, Baal, Artemis or any of the other so-called gods?
- No, no one ever cared for them like Jesus
- No other deity, nor man, had the answer to these hurting people other than Jesus, so they tossed them aside

Here was a man totally isolated, alone and considered without value to society

- The man was described as deaf and could hardly speak
 - Either deaf from birth or very early in childhood and never learned to speak
 - He mostly made sounds not words
 - It would be assumed he had limited capacities mentally

Here was a man totally isolated, alone and considered without value to society

- Think of the isolation this caused, frustration of knowing what you wanted to express but others unable to understand
- He would have been categorized as insane because no one would know what he understood

Here was a man totally isolated, alone and considered without value to society

- In Israel he would have been considered a sinner, cursed by God, unclean and unable to worship in temple
- Fear would have kept this man isolated, alone and miserable

Here was a man totally isolated, alone and considered without value to society

- There are many ways isolation can come into the lives of people today
- Unmet expectations, failures, hardships which leads to hopelessness can all wrap themselves around us and cause us to pull away from others
- Feeling like no one would really understand

Here was a man totally isolated, alone and considered without value to society

- Others begin to see you through your own eyes and begin to pull away
- Jesus understands because he pitched his tent with us
- **John 1:14 NIV** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Here was a man totally isolated, alone and considered without value to society

- **Hebrews 5:8 NLT** Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.
 - Jesus came to experience what human obedience meant through his sufferings
 - Not just the cross, but every broken body, demon possessed, every heartsick burden

Jesus met the man where he was emotionally and spiritually and took him to a calm place away from the crowd

- Have you ever seen a wild look in the eyes of a cornered cow or maybe a horse?
 - There is fixing to be a new gate made usually right where you are standing

Jesus met the man where he was emotionally and spiritually and took him to a calm place away from the crowd

- This is the last place this man wanted to be
- Crowd, unable to understand what is going on
- Fear of the unexpected he could not get ready for, nor tell anyone what he thought or wanted which probably was to run away and hide

Jesus met the man where he was emotionally and spiritually and took him to a calm place away from the crowd

- Notice it was his friends that asked Jesus to heal their friend
- Notice Jesus understood this man fully
- **Vs. 33** He took him aside
 - He found a quiet spot where He could have one-on-one with this man society claimed had not value

Jesus met the man where he was emotionally and spiritually and took him to a calm place away from the crowd

- Jesus met this man where he was at, mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually
- This is what He promises to do for us today
- You don't have to get cleaned up for Jesus
- He promises to meet you right where you are at and promises not to leave you there

Jesus met the man where he was emotionally and spiritually and took him to a calm place away from the crowd

- John 4 tell us that Jesus stated He had to pass through Samaria
 - **John 4:4 NIV** Now he had to go through Samaria.
 - Jesus met the woman where she was at and led her to belief in Him

Jesus wanted the man to understand what was going to happen and why

- Jesus understands the man's fears and calms him down by describing what He is going to do
- He was identifying for the man that He knew about his problem and was going to do something about it
- Remember, there is no sign language at this time, no teaching to read lips, no hearing devices, nothing

Jesus wanted the man to understand what was going to happen and why

- Fingers in both ears means, I know you're not crazy, you just can't hear and I'm going to do something about that
- Jesus spit on fingers and touched the man's tongue
 - We know Jesus did not need a prop to heal
 - During this time spit was thought to be a valid treatment for many illnesses

Jesus wanted the man to understand what was going to happen and why

- So, Jesus was using this to communicate to the man His intention to heal not just his deafness, but speech as well
- **Vs 34** He looked to heaven with a deep sigh
- Jesus does want to heal this man, but His desire is that he know the God of Israel was the one doing it

Jesus wanted the man to understand what was going to happen and why

- The sigh was also Jesus' recognition of what sin had done to his perfect creation
- Please notice the tenderness here
- Jesus says one word, "Ephphatha" which means "be opened or set right"

Jesus wanted the man to understand what was going to happen and why

- At once his ears opened and tongue loosened
 - Tongue loosened is the bond was broken
 - This is the word for chains that held a prisoner
- Free at last, free at last. Thank God I'm free at last

The greater miracle is the man was totally able to understand and speak a language he had never heard or spoken before

- End of **vs. 35** he began to speak plainly
- Speech/ Words must be learned and associated before they are a value to a person
- Here is a person who had never heard a spoken word, never learned sign language, never learned a sentence structure

The greater miracle is the man was totally able to understand and speak a language he had never heard or spoken before

- Now he is speaking plainly and understanding a language he had never heard or learned
- When Jesus heals, He heals completely
- When Jesus saves, He saved completely, perfectly, totally

I can identify with the man not able to stay silent after being silent for so long

- He just couldn't keep it in
- Consensus of all the Gentile people of Jesus in vs. 37, "He has done everything well."
 - Perfect tense meaning continuously perfect
 - Meaning the miracles Jesus did, the perfection of each and every one of them

I can identify with the man not able to stay silent after being silent for so long

- Blind see perfectly, lame walk, deaf hear, mute speak, sick made whole all perfectly
- Jesus literally spoke and it happened
- **John 19:30 NLT** When Jesus had tasted it, he said, “It is finished!” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

I can identify with the man not able to stay silent after being silent for so long

- Bill and Gloria Gather wrote
It is finished, the battle is over
It is finished, there'll be no more war
It is finished, the end of the conflict
It is finished and Jesus is Lord
- We can trust this because Jesus always did, always does everything perfect, even your salvation



No One Cares Like Jesus

Mark 7:31-37