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The deaf and the dumb of the Gospel did not deserve to be healed and did not even desire it since he could not recognize his impediment.

When the disciples of St. John came to see Jesus Christ to know whether he was truly the Messiah that the Baptist was announcing Our Lord said: “Go, tell John what you have seen and heard. The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleaned, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, up, the poor have the good news (gospel) preached to them.”

Our Lord does not say: “I am the Messiah” at this point but points out the fulfilling of the prophecies of the Messiah. Look at what I am doing! The hour is come. The blind see and the deaf hear. Messianic times are here. The hour is come. Look at what I am doing! The hour is come.

Religion is not a mere question of sentiments or emotions. Let us fight against sentimentalism in religion. It is a question of hearing the Word of God not only with our body ears but with those ears of our heart. Too Many people believe they should belong to religion only if they feel good in it; they should go to church only if they enjoy it or are emotionally moved. No, religion is not primarily about emotions. It is about truth. We have the duty to belong to the true religion, the one founded by Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church even though we might not feel comfortable in it. Religion is about giving to God what we owe him, what is due to him.

Of course, we should also enjoy studying our beautiful faith. The true faith can be only beautiful. We must be docile to the motions of the Holy Ghost and the grace of faith. The true faith can be only beautiful. We must be docile to the motions of the Holy Ghost and the grace of faith.

The witnesses of this miracle proclaimed: “He makes the lame to walk, the blind see and the deaf hear, the dumb speak,” when the miracle was fulfilled. Jesus is the Incarnate Word of God, we need to welcome him in our soul. We have been redeemed by his passion and death on the cross and his resurrection as St. Paul reminds us. St. Paul was deaf and dumb before he converted. He was one of the most zealous persecutors of Christians. Yet, he met the Lord on the way to Damascus and he became one of the most zealous apostles, the Apostle of the Gentiles.

The beautiful words of the Gospel are repeated by Our Lord: “It was the entire mankind that was deaf and dumb before he converted. He was deaf and dumb before he converted before Our Lord Jesus Christ redeemed us. He is the Messiah is here. He is the Messiah is here. He is the Messiah.”

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