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Isaiah 35:1-2

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

The glory of **Lebanon** will be given to it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.



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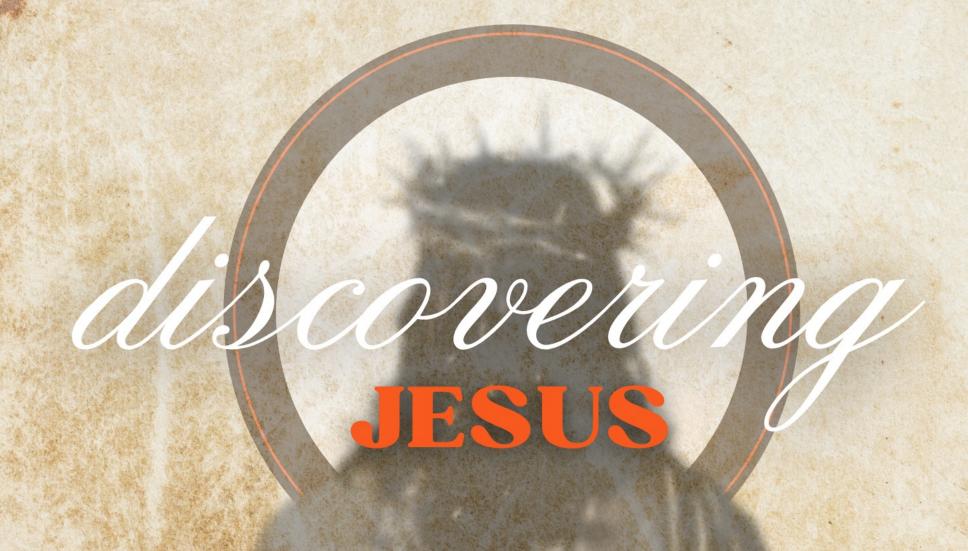
Isaiah 35:5-6

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.





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Mark 8:4



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They have:

- Been personally called by Jesus (1:16-20; 2:14)
- Been "with Jesus" (3:14)
- Witnessed countless miracles
- Access to the "mystery of the kingdom" (4:11)
- Received private tutoring from Jesus (4;10-20; 7:17-23)
- Performed miracles themselves! (6:7-13)

And yet, they:

- Are as uncomprehending as the crowds ("Everyone is looking for you!" – 1:37)
- Have no understanding of Jesus' parables ("Don't you understand this parable [of the Sower]?" 4:13)
- Are fearful and faithless on the boat ("Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 4:40)
- Are skeptical of Jesus' insight

 ("You can ask, 'Who touched me?" 5:31)

And yet, they:

- Are unsure of feeding 5000 ("That would take more than half a year's wages!" - 6:37)
- Are fearful when Jesus walked on water ("They cried out because they all saw Him and were terrified" 6:49-50)
- Lacked insight into Jesus' teachings on purity ("Are you so dull?" 7:18)
- Are <u>still</u> lacking discernment with feeding the 4000! ("Do you still not see or understand?" 8:17, 21)



Problem: KardiapetraTheir hearts were hard

The cause of hard-heartedness is misunderstanding Jesus



The cure to hard-heartedness is discovering Jesus and trusting that He can provide our daily bread



Four Encouragements...

For those battling a hard heart

- 1. Hard hearts can be cured (Ezek 36:26-27; Mk 7:31-37)
- 2. Jesus never gives up (Jn 21:15-17)
- 3. Church is here to help (Heb 3:12-13)
- 4. Worship makes great medicine (Psa 95)

