

23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Cycle B *Rich in faith*

**Reading I** **Isaiah 35:4-7** (Israel's deliverance)  
**Reading II** **James 2:1-5** (against favoritism)  
**Gospel** **Mark 7:31-37** (healing of a deaf-mute)



**Key Passage** Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promise to those who love him? (James 2:5)

**Question of the Week:** When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

**Living as a disciple:** When an opportunity arises to speak up in defense of the poor, do so because of your faith in Jesus who loved the poor and weak of society. Not only speak up, but do something to help a homeless or poor person in need of help.

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