

WHO IS THIS MAN?

FROM BLINDNESS TO SIGHT

Mark 8:22-26 Jeff Schreve

*"Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart?
"HAVING EYES, DO YOU NOT SEE? AND HAVING EARS, DO YOU
NOT HEAR? And do you not remember" Mark 8:17-18*

What are we to glean from this two-stage miracle in Mark?

1. We come into this world spiritually blind.

And they came to Bethsaida. And they brought a blind man to Him, and entreated Him to touch him. And taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village. Mark 8:22-23a

A. The unsaved are blind and unable to see spiritual truths.

But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 1 Corinthians 2:14

B. Jesus cares about our blindness and is willing to touch us.

2. Only the Master can open blind eyes.

A. This miracle is a clear sign to prove Jesus is the Messiah.

"Behold, your God will come with vengeance; the recompense of God will come, but He will save you." Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy. Isaiah 35:4-6

B. This miracle only comes to those who respond to Him.

And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands upon a few sick people and healed them. And He wondered at their unbelief. Mark 6:5-6

3. Spiritual sight often comes in stages.

He asked him, "Do you see anything?" And he looked up and said, "I see men, for I am seeing them like trees, walking about." Then again He laid His hands upon his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly. Mark 8:23b-25

A. We go from fuzzy to clear.

Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?

Mark 4:41

"Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"

John 16:30-31

B. We can get stuck in fuzzy, if we are not seeking Jesus.

1. You see men as obstacles, not opportunities.

2. You forget what the Lord has done for you.

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. 2 Peter 1:5-9

How is your spiritual sight?