

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Sight For The Blind"
Mark 8:22-26
Study-29

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

The 4 Gospel's record 7 accounts of people suffering with blindness.

Mark's Gospel contains 2 miracles that are exclusively recorded in Mark.

- 1. Mark 7:31-37 – The healing of the deaf man who was unable to speak.**
- 2. Mark 8:22-26 – The healing of the blind man.**

Is. 35:5

Thought Of Our Passage: "All Humanity Suffers With The Condition Of Blindness, But Only Through The Touch Of Jesus Can Man See"

1. Verse 22 – Brought To Jesus

2. Verses 23-25 – Touched By Jesus

3. Verse 26 – Commissioned By Jesus

1. Verse 22 – Brought To Jesus:

Mark 8:22

"And they came to Bethsaida." – (Context) Mark 8:10-13

(Religious Were Blind; Willful Unbelief To The Truth.)

Mark 8:13-21 – (Disciples Were Suffering From Short-Sightedness)

Mark 8:18

Don't Miss This Context: (Mark 7:31-37) and this blind man.

This Is Mark's Last Recorded Miracle In Galilee: (Blindness)

"And they came to Bethsaida" – This is "Bethsaida Julias"; means "house of fishing" which is the North/Eastern side of the Sea of Galilee where the Jordan enters.

Brought By Friends To Jesus! – “And they brought a blind man to Him,”
Mark 7:32 – “And they brought to Him”

Blindness – In the time of Jesus, was a result of a lack of hygiene; flies would swarm on the eyes carrying infection from person to person; Venereal disease, exposure of the elements, (the blinding sun, and wind.)

Cures Were More Superstitious Than Medical: “rooster blood mixed with honey smeared on the eyes.”

The Blind Were Expelled From Public Worship/Synagogue By The Religious – Religious theology taught you were cursed by God; including a deformity, any defect, any disease. Must have committed a lot of sin

Giving Sight To The Blind Was A Distinction Of The Messiah: Luke 7:22

Each miracle that Jesus performed was much more than a Physical Work, but a Revelation Of A Spiritual Truth.

The Bible speaks of Blindness in 3 areas:

1. Physical Blindness – (Mark 10:46 a blind beggar named Bartimaeus,)
2. Spiritual Blindness – Is. 59:10
3. Partial Blindness (Short-Sighted) – After we receive Jesus we can then see. We do not see fully or completely, we see partially. Sin obscures our sight!

2 Pet. 1:9

1 Cor. 13:12

Sin Obscures Our Vision: Revelation 3:17-18

1 John 1:6-8

Time will come when we shall see with the vision of heaven. 1 John 3:2

“and entreated Him” – “to beg, call to one’s side, beseech”, Mark 7:32

“to touch him.” – “to attach to, take hold of”

Mark 10:47 – Blind Bartimaeus shouts and runs to Jesus!

2. Verses 23-25 – Touched By Jesus:

Mark 8:23

Personal Touch From God – “And taking the blind man by the hand,”

Hebrews 4:15

John 2:25

God Leads Us – “He brought him out of the village;”

Guard Against Distractions

Guard Against Unbelief – (Matthew 11:21-24)

Jesus used saliva 3X in the Gospels.

1. Mark 7:31-37
2. John 9
3. Mark 8:22-26

Saliva was symbolic of “The Word of God.” It came from the mouth, Heb. 11:3

“and after spitting on his eyes,” – (Analogy) – Saliva speaks of a “Humbling Experience”

“and laying His hands upon him,” – Hands Of Comfort

Ps. 119:50

2 Cor. 1:3-7

“He asked him, ‘Do you see anything?’” – Our Honest Confession

Mark 8:24

Why Didn't The Touch Of Jesus Bring Full Healing?

Mark 8:11-13 – The Blindness Of The Religious Leaders; Mark 8:14-21 – The Disciples Temporary Blindness

Mark 8:25

The Second Touch – “Then again He laid His hands upon his eyes;”

“clearly” – “to see clearly from afar”; 20/20 vision

Phil. 1:6

What a solemn responsibility when our eyes have been opened and we see every man clearly.

1 Cor. 2:14

3. Verse 26 – Commissioned By Jesus:

Mark 8:26

Commissioned By God – “sent him to his home,” – (Sent home with a message)

Judgment Now Awaits These Cities Of Galilee: Matthew 11:21-24

Application:

1. When God Starts A Work, He Will Complete It: Philippians 1:6
2. The Touch Of God Differs, But The Grace Of God Remains The Same.
3. As A Follower Of Jesus, I Will Never Have Perfect Vision This Side Of Heaven. I Should Always Exhibit A Humble Heart, Desiring Yet Another Touch From Jesus That I May See More Clearly.
4. Mark The Author Of This Gospel Is An Example Of One That Was Blind That Became Useful For The Kingdom; Disqualified In Missions, Became An Assistant Of Peter, Later Paul, Then Penned The Gospel Of Mark.