

# Jesus Causes the Blind to See

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## Introduction:

Text: Mark 8:1-37

**Big Idea:** Jesus wants to guide me into a place of \_\_\_\_\_ confidence, \_\_\_\_\_ surrender and “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” kind of faith in him...AND THEN HE DESIRES ME TO LIVE THAT WAY.

## #1- Jesus used the account of the blind man to teach us about \_\_\_\_\_ (22-26)

- The blind man’s story
- What do we do with a story like this? Well, we have a few options.
  - Option 1: This was a very tough case of blindness, and it just takes a couple attempts for Jesus.
  - Option 2: Mark places a historical healing account by Jesus with a blind man in the center of the Gospel of Mark as an illustration of a point He is trying to make.
- **VERY IMPORTANT POINT:** \_\_\_\_\_ in the Gospel of Mark has been leading up to this moment in Mark 8:27-30.

## #2- Jesus can be \_\_\_\_\_ by people who claim to follow Him (27-30)

## #3- A “misunderstood messiah” takes one to a \_\_\_\_\_ place in their faith (31-33)

- Jesus is the promised Messiah, the Christ, the One who traveled to Jerusalem to suffer, die and rise in 3 days to defeat sin, Satan and death.

## Truth in Action:

1. Remember the reason this account is in the middle of Mark is because **IT’S THE HINGE THAT EVERYTHING ELSE SWINGS ON.**
2. Make sure you just don’t like Jesus but that you live and worship Him as the Messiah and your Savior of the World.

## CONNECT CARD NEXT STEP:

#1-Examine your faith to ensure your faith is anchored in Jesus Christ the Messiah.

#2-How we can help you and pray for you?

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

## Table Talk

**Warm Up:** What makes you, you? What are the things about you that other people would say are your best qualities?

Read Mark 8:22-37

**Question:** Why is the blind man only partially healed initially? Is there any kind of relationship between the healing of the blind man and the revelation that Peter has in this chapter?

(HINT: When the blind man was partially healed, he could see something, but he did not see clearly. Then Peter proves that he has partial knowledge of who Jesus really is, but immediately afterwards shows that his understanding is partial. He knows Jesus is the Christ. But he cannot fathom a Christ who would suffer many things and be killed (even if he were to rise again 3 days later). He perceives something, but he does not see clearly.)

**Question:** How does this passage describe what kind of Messiah Jesus would be?

**Question:** What evidence do we have in this passage that the disciples do not see clearly what kind of a Messiah Jesus is?

**Question:** If someone asked you Who is Jesus how would you answer? Take a few moments to write out your answer?

**Closing Prayer:** Jesus, you healed people to prove your identity. Help me to understand and live my life believing you are the Promised One, the Messiah and my Savior from sin. Amen.

Resources: Resources: G. Campbell Morgan, The Gospel of Mark; R. C. Sproul, The Gospel of Mark; Tim Keller, Christ the King; Life Application Bible Commentary, Mark; Jason Meyer, Mark for You; Gaebelien (Ed.), The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Mark