

A Healing and a Great Confession
Mark 8:22-38

Mark writes by (inspirational design), not by (impulse)

Isaiah 35:5

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

Read Mark 8:22-26

This is the only recorded (gradual healing) in Jesus' ministry

Not every healing has to be (instantaneous)

Read Mark 8:27-30

Matthew 16:16-19

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Peter has learned the painful lesson of (humility), letting others (praise) him and not himself

Read Mark 8:31-33

Matthew 4:10...

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

Again we see the (brutal honesty) of Peter's Jesus memoirs

He doesn't just withhold Jesus' words of praise, he makes sure to include words of (rebuke)

The disciples slip back into their (blindness) and Satan goes on the (offensive)

"Peter switches from confessor to counselor. Acting as a condescending friend, he takes Jesus aside and begins to set Him straight on what it means to be the Christ. Like us, Peter can accept only the immediate and positive side of truth.

The Christ whom he confesses is the God of power, not passion. He may serve, but He cannot suffer. Human thoughts and secular values still dominate the mind and heart of Peter" – David McKenna

Read Mark 8:34

Matthew 5:43-45

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Read Mark 8:35-38

The Laws of Life: Mark 8:34-38

Nature of the Law	Time Perspective	Component of Mind	Mind of Man	Mind of Christ
Psychological	Present	Motives	Self	Take up your cross
Physical	Future	Aims	Security	Lose your life
Economic	Eternal	Values	Success	Gain your soul
Spiritual	Ultimate	Goal	Status	Glorify your God

- 1) *What are my motives right now?*
- 2) *What are my priorities for the future?*
- 3) *How am I investing in eternity?*
- 4) *What is my ultimate goal?*