

Lessons In Mark Spiritual Blindness

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Mark 8:22-26

"They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home saying, "Don't even go into the village."

- Sometimes we need to get away from the noise, busyness and distractions.
- Sometimes we need to get alone with Jesus
- Sometimes we need Jesus to remind us that He is capable, that He is who He says He is. That we can trust Him. Jesus is willing to meet us where we are!
- It's important that we remain right there with Jesus and do not return to our old way of life.

Chapter 8-Blind Man

- 1. Unbelief (vs 27-30, vs 31-33 & 9:14-29)
- 2. Unwillingness to Suffer (vs 34-38)

Chapter 9-Transfiguration confirming who Christ is (vs 2-13)

- 3. Lack of Unity (**vs 38-41**)
- 4. Sin (vs 42-50)

Chapter 10

- 5. Relationships (vs 1-12)
- 6. Wrong Perspective (vs 13-16)
- 7. Finances (**vs 17-31**)

8. Lack of Awareness/Paying Attention

8:31-33

9:30-37

10:32-34

9. Pride/Position (9:33-34)

Chapter 10- Blind Bartimaeus

Mark 10:46-51

"Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus."

- Have you ever been desperate for Jesus? Are you desperate for Jesus right now?
- Are you so desperate that the noise or consequences around you don't matter?
- Are you willing to CRY out to Him?
- Are you willing to trust Him with what troubles you?

1 Peter 5:7

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Matthew 11:28

"'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

John 6:37

"'All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.'"

Revelation 3:20

"'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.'"