

HEALING MIRACLES

“WHY CAN’T I SEE CLEARLY?”

Mark 8:22-26

Lesson #14

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REVIEW:

A. Not Seeing Clearly Mark 8:22-24

- 1) Jesus Leads him out of the town. This is one of three towns Jesus pronounced judgment on.
- 2) It didn’t say “away from the multitude” this time, just out of Bethsaida.
- 3) Jesus spits in his eyes... How is that done?
- 4) “**AND** put His hands on him.” This was a separate action. Doesn’t seem Jesus spit in His hands.
- 5) How many times can you think of that Jesus asked if the person felt or could tell if they were healed?
- 6) Asked if he **saw** anything - *blepō* = See, notice, watch, beware of, look toward, perceive, behold.
- 7) Looking up - *anablepō* (ἀναβλέπω) = to look up (toward heaven); to receive sight.
- 8) Men don’t look like trees normally. His vision is telling him something that is not true.

B. Seeing Clearly Mark 8:25-26

- 1) No spit this time, just laying on hands.
- 2) Made him look up
- 3) Restored and **saw** - *enblepō* (ενβλεπω) = to turn one’s eyes on; look at (focus upon)
- 4) The man does not live in Bethsaida.

C. Not Clearly Mark 8:13-21, 27-33

- 1) The word “**BEWARE**” comes from *blepō*
- 2) Jesus is telling them one thing, but they hear (see, understand) another.
- 3) You could say they were **BLIND TO THE TRUTH SPOKEN**
- 4) They **HEARD** but they did not **UNDERSTAND**
- 5) They were trying to understand what they heard from a different context than was intended.
- 6) You saw the miracles of the 5,000 and the 4,000, so how is it you don’t understand?
- 7) On this they **SAW CLEARLY**, though others who had seen the miracles and teachings from Jesus, came to unclear conclusions.
- 8) Because of what they see, Jesus teaches them more truth to expand their vision and understanding.
- 9) Now things get cloudy but Peter thinks he sees things **BETTER THAN JESUS**

APPLICATION: Just because we got saved, receive a touch from God, doesn’t mean we see or clearly understand all things spiritual. (John 9:39)

The wrong attitude can get us speaking and believing things that are detrimental to our faith, or worse get us on a path to be rebuked.