

Week V - Mark 8:1-10:52 - Discipleship School

Healing a Blind Beggar	Chapter 8	Chapter 9	Chapter 10	Healing Blind Bartimaeus
<p>Mark 8:21 Do you not understand?</p> <p>8:22-26 - The Disciples see but do not perceive. Jesus heals a blind man</p> <p>However, Jesus must touch this man's eyes twice in order for him to see clearly. After the first touch, people look like trees</p> <p>Again, Jesus uses saliva to bring healing. An unclean method to restore sight!</p> <p>It's as if in telling the story, Mark is inviting us to have our eyes touched to see/perceive what Jesus is teaching. This lesson so difficult, it will take more than one touch</p> <p>Are your eyes open? Can you see this way of Messiahship that Jesus is teaching? Are you willing to take up your cross and follow Jesus on the way?</p>	<p>1st Announcement</p> <p>8:27-30 - Peter confesses Jesus to be the Christ. Jesus orders them to be silent.</p> <p align="center">Announcement</p> <p>8:31-32 - Jesus makes 1st announcement of suffering, death, & Res.</p> <p align="center">Disciples Don't Get It</p> <p>8:33 - Peter rebukes Jesus(Peter will not accept this definition of Messiah)</p> <p>8:34 - Jesus rebukes Peter calling him Satan! Peter's thinking in human terms, Jesus is teaching the way of the Kingdom of God</p> <p align="center">Call of Discipleship</p> <p>8:34-38 - deny self, take up cross and follow Jesus. Lose life for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel</p> <p>Jesus calls for the taking up of the cross rather than the taking up of arms to establish God's Kingdom</p>	<p>2nd Announcement</p> <p>9:2-9 - Transfiguration - Disciples see Jesus in his glory and are reminded to "Listen to him"</p> <p align="center">Announcement</p> <p>9:30-32 - Jesus' 2nd Announcement of death, Res. Disciples confused and were afraid to ask</p> <p align="center">Disciples Don't Get It</p> <p>9:33-34 - The disciples argue among themselves about who's the greatest</p> <p>The contrast is stark! Jesus speaks of suffering and death while disciples argue about greatness.</p> <p align="center">Call of Discipleship</p> <p>9:35-37 - Jesus calls the to seek to be servants and take lower position</p> <p>To illustrate his point, he places a child in their midst and teaches that welcoming a child(weak and vulnerable is equal to welcoming Jesus</p>	<p>3rd Announcement</p> <p>10:17-23 - Rich Man was unable to follow Jesus on the way for he had many possessions!</p> <p align="center">Announcement</p> <p>10:32-32 - Jesus' 3rd announcement of death and res. He's being handed over to gentiles</p> <p align="center">Disciples Don't Get It</p> <p>10:35-40 - James and John request that they sit at the right and left of Jesus when Jesus reigns. The disciples still think in terms of earthly kingdoms. The other disciples become angry.</p> <p align="center">Call of Discipleship</p> <p>10:42-45 - Jesus teaches that greatness is found in service, if you want to be first, take the lower position.</p> <p>Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. This is the way of discipleship!</p>	<p>Following Jesus on the way</p> <p>10:46-52 - Bartimaeus, a blind beggar hears that Jesus is passing by and shouts for Jesus to have mercy.</p> <p>Others order him to be quiet. Bartimaeus refused to be quiet and shouted all the more. Jesus hears him and calls for him.</p> <p>Jesus asked, "What do you want? My teacher, let me see again."</p> <p>Bartimaeus received his sight and "Followed Jesus on the Way."</p> <p>Mark now seems to be asking us, "Are your eyes open? Do you see like Bartimaeus and will you now follow Jesus on the Way?"</p> <p>The rich man was unable to follow. Now we have a definition of discipleship. Follow Jesus to a cross!</p>

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Observations While you Read

I. 8:1-10 - Feeding of the 4000. Second time Jesus feeds multitudes with 7 loaves and a few fish. This time in the Decapolis region. 1st time in Jewish territory.

II. 8:14-21 - beware of the yeast of Pharisees and Yeast of Herod - Note the double warning: Temple and Rome! The disciples have eyes but do not perceive. Focused upon literal teaching and missing the deeper meaning teaching of Jesus.

III. - Discipleship School - Bookended by the healing of the blind. Do you not only “see” but “perceive”!

Questions for Reflection

- How/Where have you found Comfort in the resurrected Christ in your life? And - Where/How in your life has your faith been challenged?

- If you wish, write briefly about those two occasions: How did God's comfort sustain you in the times of challenge. How did the challenge you experience help grow your faith?