

A Sign, A Warning And A Blessing

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MARK 8: 10-26

Intro. [A] We usually think that Jesus had such a singleness of mind that He had few other experiences.

1. He did come "to seek and to save".
2. He also had many related encounters.

[B] In the ^{se} verses we will examine three such encounters.

- Vs. 10-13 [1] The Pharisees tempt Him about signs.
Vs. 14-21 [2] The disciples misunderstood Him.
Vs. 22-26 [3] He restored a blind man's sight.

I. No Sign From Heaven.

[A] Jesus came to His own, the Jewish nation.

John 1: 1. "He came unto His own..."

2. "His own received Him not..."

Vs. 11 [3] The Pharisees tempted Him.

Vs. 12 [4] Jesus was frustrated at their efforts.

[5] There would be no "special" sign. They would be instructed by their history. Jonah -
Math. 12: 38-40

[6] Those who seek and demand special signs are not spiritual but they are evil and unfaithful.

[B] We should not seek signs.

[1] We should read God's word.

[2] We should understand God's word.

[3] We should trust God's word.

III. Jesus Restored A Man's Sight.

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A. Jesus came to Bethsaida.

- Vs. 22a 1. They brought a blind man to Him.
Vs. 22b 2. They remembered His healing touch.
Vs. 23a 3. Jesus led him out of town. What is this? shades of Oral Roberts and Benny Hinn.
23b 4. Jesus spat on his eyes.
23c 5. He asked him if he saw.
23d 6. He asked him if he could see.
Vs 24 7. The man's reply. He did not see distinctly but with a blur.

B. Jesus never leaves things less than perfect.

- Vs. 25 1. He put His hands on him again.
2. He made him look up.
3. His vision was restored.
Vs. 25 4. He saw every man clearly. Τηλαυγῶς
"far-shining, far-beaming, brilliantly,
Vs. 25 5. "Restored" = ἀποκαθίστημι = to put back into a former state, reestablish.

C. The strange command of Jesus.

1. He sent him to his house.
2. "Neither go into the town...".
3. "... nor tell it to any in the town".