

***STUDIES
IN
MARK***



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LESSON 28

MARK 8:22-26

REVIEW:

In Mark 8:10-21 Jesus warned His disciples and warns us that there is a great danger. The danger was in following false teachings. Jesus said, "TAKE HEED!" He said, "BEWARE!" False teaching is like leaven, or yeast. If we take it in, it will go all through our thinking, and turn us away from the important things of God's teaching.

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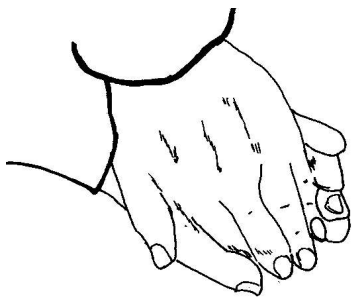
THE BLIND MAN OF BETHSAIDA

A blind man is always in the dark. He has to have someone lead him around because his eyes cannot tell him where to go.

In our story today some friends led a blind man to Jesus. (verse 22)

1. In verse 23, we are told that Jesus did 5 things. What did He do?

- 1) .
- 2) .
- 3) .
- 4) .
- 5) .



I like to close my eyes and think about just the two, Jesus and the blind man, walking down the street and out of town. They walked together, with Jesus leading the blind man by the hand. What was Jesus thinking about? What was the blind man thinking about? Perhaps Jesus was thinking that some day this same hand that led the blind man gently now, would be nailed to the cross. He would die for this man's sins. Perhaps the blind man was thrilled and happy walking along with his hand in the strong, gentle hand of Jesus. It was even worth being blind, for that to happen to him!

When we trust Jesus, we let Him take us by the hand and lead us one day at a

time. We can have peace in our hearts because He always leads us to the place where we can see Him better.

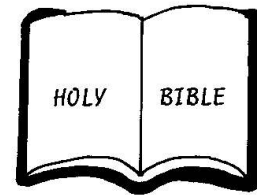
The disciples were not blind with their natural eyes. They could see the boats on the blue water of the Sea of Galilee. They could even see the miracles that Jesus did. But Jesus still had to say something about their spiritual sight. What did He say back in Mark 8:18 about their eyes?

2. What question did Jesus ask the blind man in verse 23?
3. What did the blind man say that he saw?
4. Were his eyes working right yet?
5. Did Jesus leave him like that?
6. When the disciples did not see clearly what Jesus wanted them to understand what did Jesus do? (Draw a line under the correct answer.)
 - a. He left them still in the dark spiritually.
 - b. He kept on teaching them till they saw clearly.
7. (Read John 16:29-31). What question did Jesus ask the disciple in John 16:31?
8. Read Luke 24:30,31. What happened in verse 30?

. Isn't that just what He

had done when He fed the multitude both time?
9. In Luke 24:31, what does it say about their eyes?
10. Many times we read the Word of God, but we do not seem to understand all that it says. Should we stop reading because we do not see clearly at first?

. If we keep on studying and ask Jesus to open our spiritual eyes, He will help us to see clearly. We will find that we see much better what God means in His Word.
11. The first time Jesus did something for the blind man, his eyes still did not do him much good. Then Jesus touched him again and told him to look up again. Suppose the man said, "It is no use to look up. I did that before and I was disappointed. I only saw men like trees walking around. I am not going to look up any more. I might get disappointed again." Do you think Jesus would have



made Him all better if he said that?

12. How did the man see, when he had the faith to obey? (verse 25)
13. In verse 26, where did Jesus send the man?
14. Jesus told him there were two things He did not want him to do. What were they?
 - 1)
 - 2)

Already Jesus had done many miracles in the town of Bethsaida, and Jesus found the people unbelievers. Read what Matthew 11:21-24 says about Bethsaida. You will see why Jesus took the blind man out of town to heal him. He would not let the man He healed go back to that town or even witness to them.

*" . . . LORD, THAT I MIGHT RECEIVE
MY SIGHT."*
Mark 10:51

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