

**THE
STRANGEST
MIRACLE
IN THE
BIBLE**

MARK 8:13-30

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13 And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.

14 Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.

15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.

16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread.

17 And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?

Mark 8:13-30 - continued

18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?

19 When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.

20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.

21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

22 And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

Mark 8:13-30 - continued

23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

25 After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

Mark 8:13-30 - continued

27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

28 And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

I. The Context of the Miracle (8:13-21)

A. The problem to the disciples (8:14)

B. The problem to Jesus (8:15-18)

C. The prompting of Jesus (8:19-21)

II. The Content of the Miracle (8:22-26)

A. The location is Bethsaida (8:22)

B. The blind man (8:22)

1. He was brought by others

2. The others pleaded for Jesus to touch the man

3. He represented all who are blind

II. The Content of the Miracle (8:22-26)

C. The response of Jesus (8:23-25)

- 1. Jesus took the man by the hand**
- 2. Jesus led him out of the city**
- 3. Jesus used spit and touch**

Isaiah 55:8-9

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

II. The Content of the Miracle (8:22-26)

D. The command of Jesus (8:26)

1. God has His reasons

John 14:15

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

2. Obedience is a major test of faith

2 Corinthians 10:5

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

III. The Conclusions of the Miracle

A. Two different perspectives (8:27-30)

- 1. Based on two different sources**
- 2. Based on two different spirits**

1 Corinthians 2:11

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

III. The Conclusions of the Miracle

B. Seven lessons taken from this miracle

1. Jesus's touch does not necessarily gives complete understanding of who Jesus is

**2. Those who get saved need to grow in understanding
1 Corinthians 13:12**

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

3. We need to bring people to Jesus who need Jesus.

III. The Conclusions of the Miracle (8:27-30)

B. Seven lessons taken from this miracle - continued

- 4. We need to plead for Jesus to touch the people that we bring to Him**
- 5. We need to be willing to be led by Jesus**
- 6. We need to let Jesus use what ever means he needs to use to bring us to a healthy relationship with Him**
- 7. We need to be obedient to Him in order to have a healthy relationship with Him**

**Look For Lessons From God
And Learn**