

²² Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. ²³ So 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 on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

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

²⁵ Then He put *His* hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. ²⁶ Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."

Mark 8:22-26

The Bethsaida Blind Man

- Jesus led him outside the city (:23)
- Jesus spit on his eyes (:23)
- Jesus asks him if he sees anything (:23)
- The blind man is only partially healed at first (:24)
 - This stands in contrast to Mark's oft repeated "immediately"
 - Examples: Mk. 1:42; 2:11; 5:25-29; 5:41-42 etc.



The Bethsaida Blind Man



Notice the events preceding and following this event

- Prior to the blind man the disciples are rebuked for their failed spiritual eyesight (Mk. 8:14-18)
- After the blind man Peter makes both a wonderful confession and a “short-sighted” comment about the Lord (Mk. 8:27-33)
- Jesus was trying to get them to see clearly what was about to take place (Mk. 8:31; 9:30-32; 10:32-34)
 - But they continued to fail to see and understand (Mk. 8:34; 9:33-34; 10:35)

The Jericho Blind Man

*"Jesus,
Son of David,
have mercy on me!"*

- He uses a Messianic designation for the Lord (Mk. 10:47)
- The Lord "stood still"
- Jesus asks the same ? In :51 as in :36
- He goes from sitting by the way to following on the way (:46, 52)
- He casts aside any hindering cause (:50)
- There is a definitive pronouncement and "immediately..."

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1 John 3:1-2