

Mark 8:22-30

The Disciples Can “See” That Jesus
Is The Messiah

Jesus' Loaded Question

Mark 8:22-23 And they came to Bethsaida. And they brought a blind man to Jesus and implored Him to touch him. Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, “Do you see anything?”

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Jesus' Symbolic Healing

Mark 8:24-26 And he looked up and said, “I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around.” Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, **and began to see everything clearly**. And He sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

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Jesus' Symbolic Acts Summary

Feeding 5,000

Healing a deaf man

Feeding 4,000

Healing a blind man

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Isaiah 35:5 Then the eyes of
the blind will be opened And
the ears of the deaf will be
unstopped. ↓

Mark 8:18 Having eyes, do you not see? And
having ears, do you not hear?

Jesus' Symbolic Acts Preview

Mark 8:24-25 = The blind man receives partial
sight, followed by the ability to “see clearly.”

Mark 8:29 = The disciples receive partial sight.

Mark 8:31-38 = The disciples don't “see clearly”

Pentecost = The disciples “see clearly”

The “Outsiders” Don't Know Jesus' Identity

Mark 8:27-28 Jesus went out, along with His
disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi;
and on the way He questioned His disciples,
saying to them, “Who do people say that I am?”
They told Him, saying, “John the Baptist; and
others say Elijah; but others, one of the
prophets.”

The Disciples Can “See” Who Jesus Is

Mark 8:29-30 And He continued by questioning them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “**You are the Christ.**” And He warned them to tell no one about Him.

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Application

1. We must believe that only God can open spiritually blind eyes.
2. We must understand that Jesus protects His sheep by allowing them to “see” until He returns.
3. We must believe that Jesus fulfills all the requirements for being the Messiah.

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1. Only God Can Open Blind Eyes

Deuteronomy 29:4 Yet to this day the **LORD has not given you** a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.

John 3:3 “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

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2. Jesus Keeps His Elect "Seeing"

John 10:27-28 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

Philippians 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

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3. Jesus Fulfills The Messianic Requirements

Mark 8:29 "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ."

1 Samuel 2:10 "Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered; Against them He will thunder in the heavens, The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; and He will give strength to **His king**, and will exalt the horn of His anointed."

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1 Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and **anointed him** in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.

2 Samuel 7:12 When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up **your descendant** after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.

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Isaiah 11:1-2, 10 Then a **shoot** will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD...Then in that day the nations will resort to the **root** of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious.

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Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because he has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and **recovery of sight to the blind**, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
