

HEALING & DEATH (Mark 8:22-38)

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Study of Mark / Mark 8:22–38

Introduction

Last week we studied the miracle of the feeding of the 4,000. This week, we will look at another miracle: the healing of a blind man. We will also contrast the message of this healing to Jesus' prediction about his death and the disciples' reaction to it.

I. Healing of the Blind Man. (22-26)

Perhaps the people who brought the blind man to Jesus had faith when the blind man did not.

Was Jesus' progressive healing of the blind man an effort to build his faith, a message to the disciples about their faith, or both?

II. Peter's Confession. (27-30)

Why did Jesus want the disciples to keep quiet about who he was?

III. Peter's Rebuke. (31-33)

Jesus' rebuke of Peter seems harsh - he called him Satan! Why did Jesus say this?

IV. Jesus' Challenge to the People. (34-38)

1. The Christian life is a life of miracles but also a life of death: _____
2. The Crucified life is not about starving yourself of happiness and enjoyment but rather _____ and doing _____ on earth.
3. We must be about _____! The business of winning souls and making disciples.