

CROSS ROAD

Mark 8:22-30

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John 17:17; Psalm 119:160 --- II Tim. 3:16 --- I Cor. 2:10-12; John 16:13 --- Luke 10:21; I Cor. 1:26-29
Prov. 25:2; Heb.5:11-14 --- Gal. 6:7-8; Matt. 4:19 --- Matt. 11:21 --- Matt. 15:30 --- Mark 7:33; John 9:6
Matt 16:15-17 --- Matt. 16:21 --- Psalm 119:18 --- Mark 8:31-35

I. Total _____ restoration requires a _____.

A. Without God's _____ we are _____.

B. God's _____ brings _____!

C. A " _____ " may be _____ to clear up our _____.

Matt. 15:12-14
Matt. 23:16-19, 24
John 9:39-41
Rev. 3:17
John 9:30-33

II. Our spiritual _____ parallels our _____ of _____.

A. The _____ can't see who _____ is.

B. When God _____ us, we _____ to see _____ for _____ He is.

C. The " _____ " reveals the _____ truth: the " _____ " road.

Mark 4:41
II Cor. 4:4
Matt. 16:15-17
Acts 9:3-9, 18

III. The " _____ - _____ " see things more _____.

A. Total _____ requires _____.

B. _____ requires _____ spiritual activities.

Matt. 16:21-22
I Peter 1:6-7; 10-11
I Peter 4:12-13
I Peter 5:1-4
John 8:23-24
I John 5:12

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²²They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

²⁴He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

²⁵Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."

²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Journey Group Questions

1. How is this miracle unique compared to the others recorded for us in the Gospels? Why is this uniqueness important?
2. What is the significance of Jesus's "second touch" of this man's eyes?
3. Looking ahead to the passage for next week's sermon (Mark 8:31-9:1), how does this passage connect to the "second touch" from Jesus?
4. Does every believer need a "second touch"? How would you support your answer biblically?
5. How's your spiritual eyesight? Would you put yourself as still blind, first-touched, or second-touched? Why do you say that?
6. Who do you know who needs a first or second touch from Jesus? What can we learn from Mark 8:22 about how to respond to this need?