

Opening Eyes to See the Cross  
*The Blind Man Sees*  
Mark 8:22-26

**I. The Miracle - Much Like the Others**

**II. The Miracle's Uniqueness - Two Stage Healing**

**III. The Miracle's Purpose - Help to See More Clearly**

*"Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but fail to see..?" (Mk. 8:17b-18a)*

*"Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." (1 Cor. 13:12)*

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**Point to Ponder:** As we make our way through this mini-sermon series which is meant to aid us in seeing the cross more clearly, ask yourself: How clearly have I seen (understood) the cross? How much does the death of Jesus on the cross shape how I see myself (my identity) and what I expect out of this life (my hopes)?

**A Note to Parents:** Please know that the children and youth who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we will consider each week. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God's Word.

**Next Week:** Next Sunday we will continue our mini-series out of the Gospel of Mark entitled *Opening Eyes to See the Cross* by looking at **Mark 8:27-33** *The Messiah Must Suffer*.

