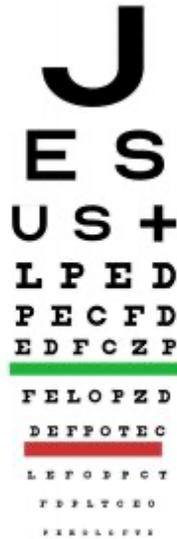


Jesus the Great Ophthalmologist

Mark 8:22-26



Background: When do people start looking like trees? When Jesus isn't finished working on you. This Sunday, we will be taking a look at one of the most unusual miracles Jesus ever performed during His earthly ministry - a miracle that reminds us that He isn't finished with us, that there is more to see, and that He can open our eyes in ways no one else can.

Sermon Text: Mark 8:22-26 (ESV)

²² And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" ²⁴ And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." ²⁵ Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- a. As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you the most?
- b. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- c. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?

2. Sermon questions

- a. Is there something happening in your life right now which is making you question God or doubt God? Explain.
- b. **Encouragement:** Sanctification is usually an excruciatingly slow process; just keep going back to Jesus. Has this ever frustrated you? Explain.
- c. **Exhortation:** Humble yourself. There is more for us to see.
 - Have you ever felt the burden of perfection?
 - Or have you ever felt the burden of earning your salvation (trying hard to please God with what you do)?
 - Was there anything specifically which helped you get through those thoughts?
- d. As with Eugene, have you ever been blind to God's love for you? Explain. Was there something specifically which opened your eyes?
- e. **Promise:** Don't give up; He will finish what He started! How does this encourage you today?