

A Two-Stage Miracle **Mark 8:22-26**

I. Introduction

- A. Physical sight is often used as a biblical metaphor for understanding (Jeremiah 5:21; Isaiah 6:9-10).
- B. This miracle is recorded only in Mark's gospel.
- C. Mark's gospel is arranged in a topical order.

II. What do we learn from the immediate context?

- A. In Mark 8:1-21 Jesus is warning the disciples about their spiritual blindness and the influence of the Pharisees and the Herodians.
- B. In Mark 8:27-33 Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ and shows his ignorance of the need for Christ to die.

III. What is Jesus teaching us in this story?

- A. Jesus does not despise any of His disciples.
- B. Our God is considerably creative in the way He deals with us as He brings us to spiritual maturity.
- C. A committed follower of Christ is honest about his true condition and willing to obey the Lord.