

**Mark 8:22-36** New International Version

**Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida**

**22** They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. **23** He 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?"

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

**25** Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

**26** Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into[a] the village."

**Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

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

**28** They 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."

**30** Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

**Jesus Predicts His Death**

**31** He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. **32** He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

**33** But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

**The Way of the Cross**

**34** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For whoever wants to save their life[b] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

**36** What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

**Mark 9:1** New International Version

**1** And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

- a. Mark 8:26 Some manuscripts *go and tell anyone in*
- b. Mark 8:35 The Greek word means either *life* or *soul*; also in verses 36 and 37.

**Questions:**

1. Jesus lead the blind man out of the village to heal his eyes?  
  
Could the lack of faith in the village be the reason Jesus lead the blind man out of the village?
2. Why do you think Jesus told the man he healed of blindness to not go into the village?
3. Who do the people say that Jesus is?  
  
How did Peter describe Jesus?  
  
What is the difference between the two?
4. Why did Jesus have to suffer, die and rise again? Explain.
5. Describe what it means for you to lose your life for the gospel in order to save it.