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Mark 8:22-30

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

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

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. Jesus sent him home, saying, “Don’t even go into the village.”

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“That sounds disgusting!”

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Mark 7:33-35

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Isaiah 35:5-6

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.



Mark 8:18-21

Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"

“Twelve,” they replied. **“And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?”** They answered, **“Seven.”** He said to them, **“Do you still not understand?”**



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Tyre

Caesarea Philippi

Chorazin
Capernaum

Bethsaida

Magadan

Sea of Galilee



Caesarea Philippi

Mark 8:27-33

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, **“Who do people say I am?”** They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” **“But what about you?”** he asked. **“Who do you say I am?”**

Peter answered, **“You are the Messiah.”**

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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. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. **“Get behind me, Satan!”**

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Spiritual sight comes in community

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gives her testimony
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