

Do You Still Not Understand?

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 26

Scripture text – Mark 8:1-26

Introduction

- We are approaching the “pivot point” of Mark’s Gospel; namely, Peter’s confession that Jesus is the _____.
- In chapter 8, Mark encapsulates the painstaking nature of getting to this point. He’s going to do so through yet another _____ story.

The Prelude

- The prelude is a second miraculous _____. The difference was that the crowd consisted of both Jews and _____.
- In the boat, the disciples thought Jesus was criticizing them for not bringing enough _____ for their journey. What knuckleheads!
- And yet, are we really any _____? How often do we forget Jesus is with us on our journey?

The Strangest Miracle of All

- Observations about this miracle:
 1. This is the last miracle Jesus does in _____.
 2. This miracle marks the end of his _____ ministry.
 3. Jesus _____ the city in which this miracle took place.
 4. This is the only miracle performed in _____ stages.

Understanding the Problem

- The problem with the disciples was that of _____.
- Every person on the planet is spiritually blind unless & until the Holy Spirit gives them _____.

- Definition of spiritual blindness: As a result of our sinful condition, we lack the _____ to perceive & understand spiritual truth, especially the truth of the _____ & _____ of Jesus Christ.
- It's not just a matter of _____, but _____.
- For the disciples, their "sight" came in 2 stages:
 - Stage 1: Jesus is the _____.
 - Stage 2: The Messiah must _____ & _____.

Application

- 3 facts:
 1. We can take no _____ for our perceiving & understanding the beauty and glory of Christ.
 2. Our understanding of (and appreciation for) the beauty and glory of Christ is intended to grow progressively _____. In large measure, this depends on how _____ we are with the revelation we've been given.
 3. The greatest need of unbelievers is for the removal of their spiritual _____.

Conclusion

- To help a blind person was to invite God's _____. Jesus not only invited it, he _____ it.