

THE MIRACULOUS HEALING OF THE BLIND

Matthew 11:1-6

THE MIRACLES PROVE WHO JESUS IS

- Jesus referred to the miracles to prove who he was
 - John 14:10-11 | (verse 11) *"Believe that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves."*
 - Matthew 11:2-5
- Peter referenced on day of Pentecost
 - Acts 2:22
- The miracles were a testimony from God to the truth of the message.
 - Hebrews 2:2-4
- To proclaim the glory of God
 - John 9:3-5; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

FIVE MIRACLES OF HEALING THE BLIND

1. Matthew 9:27-31
 - Two blind men in Capernaum.
2. Matthew 12:22-30
 - A demon possessed man in Galilee
3. Mark 8:22-26
 - The "two-part" healing in Bethsaida
4. John 9:1-42
 - The man born blind in Jerusalem
5. Matthew 20:29-34 (Mark 10:46-52)
 - Bartimaeus in Jericho

ENLIGHTENING THE SPIRITUALLY BLIND

- Matthew 11:2-5
 - Fulfilled prophecy of the "Coming One" from Isaiah 35:5
 - *"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped..."*
- More importantly, Jesus came to open the eyes of the spiritually blind.
 - *Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 4:13-17*
 - *"... The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."*
 - Jeremiah 5:21; Isaiah 6:9-10
 - John 12:37-40 | *"... although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe Him."*
 - Ephesians 1:18 | *"... the eyes of your understanding being enlightened."*
- Matthew 6:22-23 | *"... the lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good your whole body will be full of light."*

MARK 8:22-26

- The "two-part" healing.
- This miracle occurs in the context of Jesus addressing his disciples' difficulties in understanding Him correctly.
 - Mark 8:14-21
 - Jesus says (verse 15) *"... beware the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod."*
 - The disciples response (verse 16) *"It is because we have no bread."*
 - Earlier, Mark 8:1-13, Jesus feeds 4000 people with 7 loaves.
 - Mark 6 records the feeding of 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish.
 - Mark 6:52 *"For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened."*
 - Mark 8:27-33
- Application to all Christians
 - Hebrews 5:12

JOHN 9

- How do the two parties address Jesus?
 - The once-blind man (John 9:11, 17, (25), 31-33, 35-38)
 - A Man → A Prophet → From God → Lord & Son of God
 - The Pharisees (verses 16, (22), 24, 28-29, 35, 40)
 - Not from God → A Sinner → Less than Moses →
 - "Are we blind also?"
- Romans 1:20-21
 - 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 | *"... whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."*
 - 2 Corinthians 4:6 | *"For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."*

CONCLUSION

- John 1:1-5, 9, 34
 - *“the true light which gives light to every man coming into the world.”*
 - *(verse 34 – John the Baptist) “I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”*
 - John 12:37-48
 - John 14:11 – *“... or else believe Me for the very work's sake.”*
-