

HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE

I. [Mark 8:22-26](#) [John 9:1-42](#) [Mark 10:46-52](#)

A. In Boy Scouts we used to camp often and sometimes we would set up tents at night using flashlights and Coleman lanterns. Because it was dark, your mind could only imagine what the area looked like in the daytime. Then when the sun came up, we were usually surprised how awry our imaginations had been the night before. Spiritually, many are determined not to see, content to remain in their darkness and blindness. Jeremiah 5:21 says: "Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not." That verse leads to the old idiom: "There are none so blind as those who will not see."

B. Today we want to look at three blind men Jesus healed and how differently He went about healing each one. Which method worked better? Unfortunately the men he healed aren't here to ask. But I suspect each man healed of his blindness would say that the way Jesus healed him was just fine. How has Jesus healed your blindness? How is He healing it? How will He yet heal it? We'll have to SEE!

C. [Mark 8:22-26](#) (ESV) takes place near Bethsaida, northeast of the Sea of Galilee...

1) **V22-23** "And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to Him a blind man and begged Him to touch him. And He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when He had spit on his eyes and laid His hands on him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?" (Why did Jesus lead him out of the village? Was it their unbelief? Was it timing--that He didn't want to reveal yet Who He truly was? Sometimes Jesus leads us out of the places that have proven to be detrimental to seeing Who He really is.)

2) **V24** "And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." (Blurred vision. Fading blindness. But Jesus wants something better than blurred vision for us!)

3) **V25-26** "Then Jesus laid His hands on his eyes again; and He opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. And He sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village." (Is there a good reason why Jesus didn't want him to go back into that village, the very village that He removed him from? Could Jesus have healed him in the village? Did Jesus need to use spit? Did Jesus need two tries to make this happen? Was there a prophetic message in this healing event that He wanted His disciples, followers, and this blind man to see?)

D. [John 9:1-25](#) (ESV) takes place in Jerusalem to a man who was blind since birth...

1) **V1-5** "As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (If you haven't listened to Mark Thogmartin's excellent sermon titled, "Jesus is the Light of the World," back on May 22, 2016, let me encourage you to do so!) To listen to Mark's sermon, go to: <http://millersportcc.com/sermons/jesus-is-the-light-of-the-world/>

2) **V6-7** "Having said these things, He spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing." (So we have Jesus healing blindness with His spit again but this time with Jerusalem dirt mixed in! Were there healing properties in the spit? No! In the dirt? No! In the spit mixed with dirt that formed the mudpie? No! In the waters of the pool of Siloam? No! The healing came from Jesus! Do you adhere to "spit only" theology or "mudpie" theology? Someone once said, "Never spit in a man's face unless his beard is on fire!" We might add, "Or if the man is blind!")

3) **V8-17** "The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." (He just bears a striking resemblance.) He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." (He tells it as simply as what Forest Gump would!) They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." (Prophet was the highest attribution the man could give since he didn't know Jesus was the Son of God, the Messiah. But Jesus would soon reveal Himself to him.)

4) **V18-25** "The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not

know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." (**"I was blind but now I see."** This is the same spiritual testimony we all want!)

E. Mark:10-46-52 (ESV) takes place in Jericho as Jesus is passing through...

1) V46-48 "And they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" (**When God gets you to a place where all you can really do is cry out for mercy, that's actually a very good place to be and it will get our Lord's attention. So often mercy [sozo] was the thing that prompted Jesus to act!**)

2) V49-52 "And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; He is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. (**If you hear Jesus call you, let your heart spring to its feet and run to Him!**) And Jesus said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." (**Gk Anablepo! SEE!**) And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way." (**No spit. No mudpie. No pool of Siloam. No laying on of hands. Just Jesus saying the word, 'SEE!'**)

F. First off, I believe each of these healing miracles took place just as described. I also wonder if the uniqueness of each of these healing encounters could be analogous to the countless ways that Jesus seeks to heal each of us from the spiritual blindness in which we were born? Is there anything significant in the spit or the dirt or the pool of Siloam that we can point to other than the fact that God does whatever He wants however He wants whenever He wants? Can't we take great joy in the fact that every blind person Jesus encountered in the Scriptures was healed from their blindness, regardless of the methods He employed?! Don't make much of the spittle or mud or methods, make much of the Healer!

G. And how might we pray for our eyes to be open? We pray that each one of you is given eyes to see Who Jesus is, eyes to see His cross, eyes to see He came not just to die for the sins of the world but for your sins! Can you see He loves you? Psalms 146:8 (NLT) says: "The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down. The Lord loves the godly." (Is that you?)

H. We pray He not only opens your eyes to who He is but also to what He wants you to become. He loves you just the way He found you but doesn't want to leave you that way because His plans weren't just for rescue but also for transformation.

I. And we pray He not only opens your eyes to who He is, and to what He would have you become, but opens your eyes as to what He would have you do! To those of you who are young, you aren't too young to be used by God. To those of you who are old, you will never be too old to be used by God. (Tell Dorothy's story...)

J. To all of us who have our eyes opened, may we never fail to see the new things God may want to reveal to us through His Word as He illuminates His truth and shows us new and different ways to be involved in the advance of His Kingdom! Ephesians 1:15-24 (VOICE Translation) will take us home: "This is why, when I heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus that is present in your community and of your great love for all God's people, I haven't stopped thanking Him for you. I am continually speaking to Him on your behalf in my prayers. Here's what I say: God of our Lord Jesus the Anointed, Father of Glory: I call out to You on behalf of Your people. Give them minds ready to receive wisdom and revelation so they will truly know You. Open the eyes of their hearts, and let the light of Your truth flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling them to embrace. Reveal to them the glorious riches You are preparing as their inheritance. Let them see the full extent of Your power that is at work in those of us who believe, and may it be done according to Your might and power. Friends, it is this same might and resurrection power that He used in the Anointed One to raise Him from the dead and to position Him at His right hand in heaven. There is nothing over Him. He's above all rule, authority, power, and dominion; over every name invoked, over every title bestowed in this age and the next. God has placed all things beneath His feet and anointed Him as the head over all things for His church. This church is His body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all."

*** Close with Prayer...**

Scriptures, Videos, & Bonus Stuff

Mark 8:22-26 (ESV)

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Ephesians 1:15-24 (VOICE)

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Film Clips & Other Links

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" - Lauren Chandler (Hymns for Selena)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuwsHp1ZZ9c>

"Open Our Eyes, Lord" - CRC Worship
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XJu0mnn_b4

"I See Men Like Trees Walking" - Johnny Cash
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pk8R_NuIUIA

Jesus Heals A Blind Man - Gospel of John
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBvf7Voj9i4>

Jesus Heals the Blind Beggar, Bartimaeus (The Jesus Film Project)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00PM3bdCME>

Blind Bartimaeus - As Told by Glenn Packiam
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzOGA1qxosQ>

Bonus Stuff

Jeremiah 5:21-31 (ESV)

21 Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not. **22** Do you not fear Me? declares the Lord. Do you not tremble before Me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it. **23** But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone away. **24** They do not say in their hearts, 'Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives the rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest.' **25** Your iniquities have turned these away, and your sins have kept good from you. **26** For wicked men are found among My people; they lurk like fowls lying in wait. They set a trap; they catch men. **27** Like a cage full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; therefore they have become great and rich; **28** they have grown fat and sleek. They know no bounds in deeds of evil; they judge not with justice the cause of the fatherless, to make it prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy. **29** Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the Lord, and shall I not avenge Myself on a nation such as this?" **30** An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land: **31** the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction; my people love to have it so, but what will you do when the end comes?

Luke 4:16-21 (ESV)

16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read. **17** And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, **18** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." **20** And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

John 9:39 (NIV)

39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

Matthew 13:16-17 (ESV)

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. **17** For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Luke 18:35-42 (ESV)

35 As He drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. **36** And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. **37** They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." **38** And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" **39** And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" **40** And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he came near, He asked him, **41** "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." **42** And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." **43** And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Acts 26:13-18 (NIV)

12 "On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. **13** About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. **14** We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' **15** "Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?'" 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied. **16** 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of Me. **17** I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them **18** to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (Phillips)

3 If our Gospel is "veiled", the veil must be in the minds of those who are spiritually dying. **4** The spirit of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe, and prevents the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, the image of God, from shining on them.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (Amplified)

3 But even if our Gospel (the glad tidings) also be hidden (obscured and covered up with a veil that hinders the knowledge of God), it is hidden [only] to those who are perishing and obscured [only] to those who are spiritually dying and veiled [only] to those who are lost. **4** For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image and Likeness of God.

Quote by John Piper

"Blind people don't decide to see. Jesus says, 'See!' and they see."

Quote by Charles H. Spurgeon

"We can lead the blind, but we cannot make them see; we can put truth before them, but we cannot open their eyes; that work remains with God alone."

Quote by Ray Comfort

"Even Helen Keller, who was born blind and deaf, could see God. No doubt, in her silent darkness, every fragrant flower, every ray of the warm sun, every taste that touched her tongue told her that there was a God who created all things."

Quote by John MacArthur

"It has to be said at the very beginning before we look at the text itself that spiritual blindness is a universal malady, it is a universal human condition. Every human being born into this world since the Fall of Adam has been born spiritually blind. And it is not a superficial blindness, it is a profound blindness, it is a total blindness, it is a complete blindness. It is essentially living in the darkness with no light at all. That is the biblical diagnosis of the universal human condition."

- John MacArthur, *Grace to You*, Sermon excerpt from, "Spiritual Blindness" Code 41-37.

Quote by C.S. Lewis

"But you cannot go on "explaining away" for ever: you will find that you have explained explanation itself away. You cannot go on "seeing through" things for ever. The whole point of seeing through something is to see something through it. It is good that the window should be transparent, because the street or garden beyond it is opaque. How if you saw through the garden too? It is no use trying to "see through" first principles. If you see through everything, then everything is transparent. But a wholly transparent world is an invisible world. To "see through" all things is the same as not to see."

- C.S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*.

The Pool of Siloam - Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pool_of_Siloam

The Pool of Siloam (Hebrew: בריכת השילוח, Breikhat Hashiloah) is a rock-cut pool on the southern slope of the City of David, the original site of Jerusalem, located outside the walls of the Old City to the southeast. The pool was fed by the waters of the Gihon Spring, carried there by two aqueducts.

John 9:6 - The Pool of Siloam

NET Commentary - Daniel Wallace

The pool's name in Hebrew is shiloah from the Hebrew verb "to send." In Gen 49:10 the somewhat obscure shiloah was interpreted messianically by later Jewish tradition, and some have seen a lexical connection between the two names (although this is somewhat dubious). It is known, however, that it was from the pool of Siloam that the water which was poured out at the altar during the feast of Tabernacles was drawn....

[which is translated "sent"]: This is a parenthetical note by the author. Why does he comment on the meaning of the name of the pool? Here, the significance is that the Father sent the Son, and the Son sent the man born blind. The name of the pool is applicable to the man, but also to Jesus himself, who was sent from heaven.

- *The NET Bible First Edition Notes*, Biblical Studies Press, 2006.

Augustine on the Pool of Siloam's Significance

The Lord came: what did He do? He set forth a great mystery. "He spat on the ground," He made clay of His spittle; for the Word was made flesh. "And He anointed the eyes of the blind man." The anointing had taken place, and yet he saw not. He sent him to the pool which is called Siloam. But it was the evangelist's concern to call our attention to the name of this pool; and he adds, "Which is interpreted, Sent." You understand now who it is that was sent; for had He not been sent, none of us would have been set free from iniquity. Accordingly he washed his eyes in that pool which is interpreted, Sent -- he was baptized in Christ. If, therefore, when He baptized him in a manner in Himself, He then enlightened him; when He anointed Him, perhaps He made him a catechumen. In many different ways indeed may the profound meaning of such a sacramental act be set forth and handled; but let this suffice your Charity. You have heard a great mystery.

- Augustine of Hippo, "Lectures or Tractates on the Gospel According to St. John." To read more, go to: http://biblehub.com/library/augustine/homilies_on_the_gospel_of_john/tractate_xliv_john_chapter_ix.htm

Unnecessarily Blind

Author Unknown

A woman named Rose Crawford had been blind for 50 years. "I just can't believe it!" she gasped as the doctor lifted the bandages from her eyes after her recovery from delicate surgery in an Ontario hospital. She wept for joy when for the first time in her life a dazzling and beautiful world of form and color greeted eyes that now were able to see. The amazing thing about the story, however, is that 20 years of her blindness had been unnecessary. She didn't know that surgical techniques had been developed, and that an operation could have restored her vision at the age of 30. The doctor said, "She just figured there was nothing that could be done about her condition. Much of her life could have been different."

As I read the news account of her case, some question came to mind. Why did she continue to assume that her situation was hopeless? Had no one told her about the wonderful advances in eye surgery? Then I thought of the plight of those unreached by the Gospel. How many will go on living in moral blindness unless we bring them to the Savior? Millions will never know anything but spiritual darkness because no one has shared with them the Light that has come into the world. See Romans 10:14.

- From Preaching.com; Message on Spiritual Blindness, 2003.

Fanny Crosby

Author Unknown

The famous blind songwriter Fanny Crosby wrote more than 8,000 songs. This fact and other interesting highlights in the life of Miss Crosby were revealed by Warren Wiersbe in his book *Victorious Christian*. Wiersbe explained that when Fanny was only 6 weeks old a minor eye inflammation developed. The doctor who treated the case was careless, though, and she became totally and permanently blind.

Fanny Crosby harbored no bitterness against the physician, however. In fact, she once said of him, "*If I could meet him now, I would say thank you, over and over again for making me blind.*" She felt that her blindness was a gift from God to help her write the hymns that flowed from her pen. According to those who knew her, Miss Crosby probably would have refused treatment even if it could have assured the restoration of her sight.

Wiersbe concluded by commenting: "*It was said of another blind hymn writer, George Matheson, that God made him blind so he could see clearly in other ways and become a guide to men. This same tribute could be applied to Fanny Crosby, who triumphed over her handicap and used it to the glory of God.*" Yes, this talented woman allowed her tragedy to make her better instead of bitter. - From Preaching.com; Excerpt from Warren Wiersbe's book, *Victorious Christian*, retold by an unknown author...