

The Body Of Christ Discovering God

The Man Who Was Blind

John 1:1-3, 14

* These stories change our **concept** of who God is.

Mark 8:22

Mark 8:23

²³ So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. (We will talk about this later) And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

Mark 8:24-26

Did you know there are 5 encounters in the New Testament where blind men are healed?

- One He **spoke** to
- One He **touched**
- One He cast a **demon** out of him
- One He **spit** on the ground, **dipped** his fingers in and **rubbed** it on his eyes
- This encounter, Jesus **spit** in his **eyes** and **laid hands** on him.

1. In this story, Jesus laid His hands on the man **twice**.

Jesus laid His hands on him and asked:

- What do you see?
- Guy answered: "I see men like **trees** walking"

Jesus then laid His hands on him **again** and the blind man was **restored physically**.

Isaiah 40:12

- * People say, today Jesus laid His hand on someone and it didn't work?

That's **ridiculous**

- ** My conclusion is this:

Whatever Jesus wanted happened – so what happened here?

Where do we find the answer to this question?

It's in the **Bible** and the **Holy Spirit** knows – so just ask

2. Every person has **two** sets of **eyes**.

- A. You have a **natural** set of eyes
- B. You have a **spiritual** set of eyes

Jesus put his hand on him and asks "What do you see?"

Answer: "I see men like **trees** walking"

Trees in the Bible are men.

3. Jesus opened the blind man's spiritual eyes first, then Jesus put His hands on him again and opened or healed his physical / natural eyes.

Psalm 1:1-2

Psalm 1:3a

³He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water...

Psalm 52:8 (NIV)

⁸But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.

Psalm 92:12

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Isaiah 55:12

Isaiah 55 is talking about the redeemed of the Lord.

Matthew 7:17-18

Matthew 7:19

- Talking about people – if you get your heart changed, you will be like a tree that bears good fruit.
- If you don't get your heart changed, no matter how good you try to be, you will bear bad fruit.
 - In the Bible, trees represent people.

Zechariah 4:11-14

- Zechariah is having a vision and is seeing in the Spirit (or seeing with his **spiritual** eyes)

He says what are those 2 olive trees

The angel answered – those are **people**

Revelation 11-3 confirms it.

Revelation 11:3-4

* Jesus opened the blind man's **spiritual** eyes first.

4. Every one of us want to see and hear in the Spirit, so when you read the Bible, it **jumps out** in the Spirit.

The only thing that changes your life is the Word of God **quickenig** your spirit.

Scripture speaks of spiritual blindness:

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

- You must know every one of us were born into this world spiritually **blind**.
- * We all have **two** sets of eyes and are blinded to the **gospel**.

1 John 2:11

Matthew 13:14

- You will see and hear in the **natural** but are blinded **spiritually**.

Matthew 13:15

This is what Jesus said – watch the progression:

- If you don't **see** spiritually, you will not be able to **hear** spiritually.
 - If you cannot **hear** spiritually, then you cannot **understand** in your heart.
 - If you cannot **understand** with your heart, you cannot **turn** so that you can be **healed**.
5. We want to be whole **spiritually**, whole **emotionally**, and whole **physically**.

Laying on of hands – the greatest miracle is a healed **heart**

A healed heart is when you **see** and **hear** in the Spirit.

6. Every time you read scripture, you should always say, "God, I can't understand what You said unless You **help** me."
- The Bible is a **spiritual** book written by a **spiritual** being written to **spiritual** people.

Here it is:

- Spiritual revelation → turn or **repent** → **healing**

Read the Word – then you **see** in the spiritual and your heart **understands** and you change (**turn**), then your **healing** comes.

Ezekiel 12:2

7. Church family: It's right there in front of us and we can't see it until someone **points it out**.
 - We have our **natural** eyes, but we need our **spiritual** eyes to point it out.