

The Gospel of Mark: a Path Strewn with Sinners Mark 7:31 - 8:38

Spit from God's own Mouth

7:31-37 (pgs. 45-48, "Mark: a path strewn with sinners")

Note: We're back in the Decapolis where Jesus had sent the demons into the pigs (Mark 5:20). Last time they sent him away. The missionary work of the sane man had done its job. Crowds gathered.

Why do we get sick? Why do we have disease and handicaps?

What does God do with these? (pg45)

What do you find interesting about Jesus' healing? Why do you suppose he did this?

How does the author connect what Jesus does for this deaf man to what he has done for you? (pg47-48)

εὐθὺς "Immediately!" vs35

vs37 "**He has done everything well!**" How can this phrase become an extremely comforting slogan for your life no matter the conditions, circumstances, or answers to your prayers?

Less Blind Bit by Bit

8:22-26 (pgs. 49-51, "Mark: a path strewn with sinners")

What do you find interesting about the way Jesus healed this man? There is no εὐθὺς here... Why do you think he did this?

Vs26 Again, the command not to tell anyone. Why?

How does this story teach us about the way Jesus works in our lives, bit by bit?
(pgs50-51)

A Saint's Confession from a Sinner Troubled by the Cross
8:27-38 (pgs. 53-56, "Mark: a path strewn with sinners")

Who do people say Jesus is?

Peter here speaks for the entire Church- that is, he gives the answer the Church is tasked to give, *to confess*. It's upon this confession that the Church is built. This is the heart of the Christian Faith. (pg54)

How do we confess Jesus as Christ in our different and varied vocations?

Vs30 Why does Jesus say this? (pg54)

Vs31-33 Why wasn't Peter picking up what Jesus was laying down? (pg54-55)

Vs34-38 What is the cross Jesus gives to you?

In light of our cross, why is Peter's confession (vs29) our anchor and life vest?
(pg56)

Questions drawn from the book:
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