

STREET VIEW

hearing from our local community

Jesus is a prophet, announcing the kingdom of God... What Jesus has been doing – notably, for Mark, the healings, the battles with evil, and the extraordinary feedings, stilling of storms, and so on – are signs that this is indeed the moment when the true God is beginning to exercise this power.

-- Tom Wright, *Mark for Everyone*

This physical healing of blindness serves as a paradigm for the spiritual healing of the disciples' sight, which also comes gradually and with difficulty.

-- *The NIV Application Commentary – Mark*

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average... which means, you have met your New Year's resolution.

-- Jay Leno

The touch of saliva and Jesus' hand conveyed His intentions and stimulated the blind man's faith.

-- *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

The disciples had been blinded to spiritual truths by their constant preoccupation with their own immediate bodily needs. It is only fitting therefore that the next miracle should be the opening of the eyes of the physically blind man of Bethsaida, as a picture of what God would yet do for them.

-- *Tyndale New Testament Commentaries – Mark*

Mark also composed his Gospel to encourage Christians facing increasingly trying conditions and to remind them of the foundation of their faith.

-- *The NIV Application Commentary – Mark*

Sometimes, I feel I am really blessed to be blind because I probably would not last a minute if I were able to see things.

-- Stevie Wonder

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

-- Jesus - Luke 4:18-19 (TNIV)