

The Depth of Our Spiritual Disease

Mark 7:31-37; 8:22-26

Overarching Message

Jesus is the promised Messiah and Son of God, who by His death redeems his people and calls them to follow in His footsteps as the Suffering Servant.

1. Who is Jesus? (1:1-8:21)

2. What does it mean that Jesus is the Messiah? (8:22-10:52)

3. How is Jesus vindicated as the Son of God? (11:1-16:8)

6:31–44	Feeding the multitude	8:1–9
6:45–56	Crossing the sea and landing	8:10
7:1–23	Conflict with the Pharisees	8:11–13
7:24–30	Conversation about bread	8:14–21
7:31–36	Healing	8:22–26
7:37	Confession of faith	8:27–30 ¹

What does it mean that we are spiritually diseased?

1. Spiritually deaf to hear and understand
2. Spiritually mute to speak and reason
3. Spiritually blind to see and perceive

Implications

1. Unless you properly see the depth of spiritual disease you will not be able to see and trust the beauty of Jesus and his salvation, and humbly and lovingly respond to the world around you
2. Spiritual healing comes in stages, not instantaneous
3. Jesus is the only healer

¹ Mark L. Strauss, Mark, ed. Clinton E. Arnold, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014), 326.