

Mark 8:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

Analysis

After that he put his hands again upon him—The Greek palin (πάλιν, 'again') emphasizes the deliberate two-stage process. This second imposition of hands (epithēken tas cheiras, ἐπέθηκεν τὰς χεῖρας) brings complete restoration. The verb dieblepsen (διέβλεψεν, 'he looked intently') is intensive, meaning 'to see clearly, to look through.' Mark alone preserves this detail.

He was restored, and saw every man clearly—Apokatestathē (ἀποκατεστάθη, 'was restored') implies return to original function, presupposing prior sight. The phrase eneblepsen hapantas (ἐνέβλεψεν ἅπαντας, 'saw all things clearly') uses an emphatic form—not just sight, but penetrating clarity. This restoration prefigures resurrection restoration: what sin blurred, Christ clarifies. The miracle's placement between bread discussions and Peter's confession is no accident—Mark structures his narrative to show that recognizing Jesus's true identity requires divine illumination, often granted progressively.

Historical Context

Complete healing validated Jesus's messianic authority in a culture where physical afflictions were often interpreted as divine judgment. The two-stage process, unique among Jesus's healings, served pedagogical purposes—teaching disciples about the nature of faith, revelation, and progressive spiritual understanding during His earthly ministry.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What aspects of Jesus's character or mission have become clearer to you over time, requiring His 'second touch'?
2. How does the promise of 'restoration' (apokatestathē) encourage you regarding sin's damage in your life?
3. In what ways might you need to return to Jesus for a 'second touch' on issues you thought were already resolved?

Interlinear Text

εἴτα πάλιν ἐπέθηκεν τὰς χεῖρας ἐπὶ τοὺς ὄφθαλμοὺς
After again that he put G3588 his hands G5495 upon G3588 eyes G3788

αὐτὸν καὶ ἐποίησεν αὐτὸν αναβλέψαι καὶ ἀποκατεστάθη
him and made him look up and he was restored
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καὶ ἐνέβλεψεν τηλαυγῶς ἄπαντας
and saw clearly every man
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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 4:18 (Parallel theme): But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

2 Peter 3:18 (Parallel theme): But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Matthew 13:12 (Parallel theme): For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

1 Peter 2:9 (Parallel theme): But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Philippians 1:6 (Parallel theme): Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

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