

How Jesus Deals With Our Less Religious Friends

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Mark 8:22-30

²²They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him.

1. Jesus responds to our plea on their behalf.

^{23a}He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village.

2. Jesus deals with our friends tenderly.

^{23b}When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

3. Jesus starts with what they do understand.

^{23c}Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" ²⁴He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

4. Jesus is patient as they experience healing.

^{25b}Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

5. Jesus keeps working until they can fully see him.

²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."