## Mark 8:22-26 Blind Man Healed at Bethsaida

<sup>22</sup> Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." <sup>25</sup> Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. <sup>26</sup> Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- Bethsaida is a town just over the hill North-East of Capernaum where Jesus had done many miracles including the feeding of the 5,000. [Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:32-44, Luke 9:11-17, John 6:1-14]
  Bethsaida was also the city of Andrew, Peter, and Phillip. [John 1:44, 12:21]
- They brought a blind man to Jesus and Jesus healed him. [Mark 8:22-25]
  - It is interesting to note that each time Jesus healed a blind person, He often used a different procedure, but usually He touched their eyes and they were healed. [Matthew 9:27-31, 12:22, 15:30-31, 20:30-33, 21:14, Mark 8:22-26, 10:46-52, Luke 7:21-22, 18:35-43, John 9:1-34]
  - $\diamond$  This time Jesus spit on his eyes and put His hands on his eyes twice, and he was healed.
  - $\diamond$  Jesus sent him away and commanded him not to tell anyone in the town. [Mark 8:26]
- The healing of the blind was another fulfillment of the prophecy concerning Messiah. [Luke 4:18, Isaiah 61:1-2]
  - ♦ Jesus said to the two on the way to Emmaus: "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. [Luke 24:25-27]
  - ☆ Then later to the Disciples after the two reported seeing Jesus on the road and in Emmaus, Jesus appeared and said: "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." [Luke 24:44]