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## [Men, like trees, walking](#)

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In Mark 8, there is an account where Jesus healed a blind man in two stages. It's the only place describing such an event, but it illustrates why those who have had their eyes opened will often become confused as to what they see. In the story, a blind man was brought to Jesus for healing, which he didn't do before first taking him away from the village. And yes, I find this significant because, although the blind man obviously benefited from the miracle, the reality of this eye-opening event was meant for his disciples.

You see, after he spit in the man's eyes and then touched them, Jesus asked him what he saw. "I see men, as trees, walking." Do you suppose Jesus' question might have had anything to do with a recent confrontation where he asked his disciples: "Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart?" I suggest to you that Jesus set the situation up so that the blind man would describe the confusion the disciples found themselves in. They saw something, but it looked like something else: men, as trees, walking. And because they did not understand, they discussed Jesus' words among themselves according to the reasoning of their world. I'm sure each of them thought they had a better understanding than the others.

I wonder if we realize how many of our discussions and reasons and justifications and viewpoints sound just like theirs did ... like people describing people who look like walking trees. I wonder if we realize why that is. I wonder if we might be stimulated to reconsider truth according to the mind of the one who *is* the truth.

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