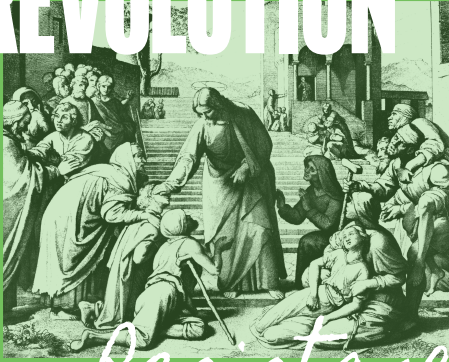


# REVOLUTION



The danger of demanding a sign

Mark 7:31-8:20

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## SERMON NOTES

God, if You show up the way I want, when I want, and how I want, then I'll know that I can trust You. Then I'll know to take my next step. Then I'll do what You want me to do. Then I'll believe You care. But You need to prove yourself first.

The danger of asking God for another sign before we will fully trust Him will slowly harden our hearts, and blind us to the clear evidence of His goodness and grace through the gifts that He's already given.

Chasing signs before trusting Christ obscures past mercies and obstructs future grace.

### Sermon Points

1. The compassion that reveals. Mark 7:31-37, Mark 8:1-10.
2. The sign that's refused. Mark 8:11-13.
3. The disbelief that spreads. Mark 8:14-15.
4. The questions that probe. Mark 8:16-21.

Missed insight... What are you not seeing yet?

Stubborn souls... Where has your heart grown resistant?

Sightless eyes... What are you failing to see clearly?

Ignored truth... What are you refusing to hear?

Forgotten mercies... What have you forgotten that you should remember?

Although signs should not be demanded, they can be received.

Jesus does not perform on demand. He gives signs on purpose. He chooses the moment. The person. The way. Every sign reveals something deeper about Him. Not just what He can do, but who He is.

Before you ever ask Jesus for another sign... You need to remember the sign He has already given. The cross and the empty tomb. Jesus has already given us His most impressive and His most important sign. Clearly. Decisively. Powerfully.

You're not waiting on your first sign. You're living on the other side of many. The question is no longer: "God, will you show me something?" The question is: "Have I truly seen what You've already shown me?"

Signs are not to be demanded. They are to be received.