

Who is Jesus? (Part 1)

Mark 8:11-13; 22-26

- I. **Sneering Skeptics**: Christ did no miracle for the Pharisees who demanded that He prove who he was (Mark 8:11-13).
 - A. The Pharisees demanded that Jesus do a miracle to prove who He was (8:11).
 - Those who reject Christ arrogantly continue to reject Him.
 - B. Jesus was distressed by the rejection of the Pharisees (8:12a).
 - Unbelief may anger us, but we still must love unbelievers.
 - C. Jesus refused their request and exposed their evil intention and future judgment (8:12b, 13; Matthew 12:39-42).
 - We can't be discouraged that some people will refuse to respond to us or to truth.

- II. **Satisfied Seekers**: Christ healed the blind man who had friends eager to believe who He was (Mark 8:22-26).
 - A. Some friends of a blind man cared deeply for him and begged Jesus to restore his sight (8:22, 23a).
 - "Brought" – God uses friends who introduce them to Jesus Christ.
 - "Begged" – We become intentional about sharing our faith by first of all praying for people and for opportunities.
 - B. Jesus restored sight to the man in two steps – blurry sight and clear sight – revealing His power as God (8:23b-25).
 - God works in different ways with different people.
 - Jesus proved who He was by what He did.
 - C. Jesus told the man to keep the miracle private (8:26).