

Jesus Did What???

Extraordinary Lessons from No Ordinary Life

Jesus Spit?

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1 John 2:6 (TLB)

Anyone who says he is a Christian should live as Christ did.

Matthew 11:6 (NKJV)

And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

On three separate occasions, Jesus used spit to heal and bless those in need.

Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

Mark 7:32-35 (NLT)

32 A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and the people begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man to heal him. 33 Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then, spitting on his own fingers, he touched the man’s tongue. 34 Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, “Ephphatha,” which means, “Be opened!” 35 Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly!

Application: We need our spiritual ears and mouths to “BE OPENED!”

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

Mark 8:22-26 (NLT)

22 When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. 23 Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man’s eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, “Can you see anything now?” 24 The man looked around. “Yes,” he said, “I see people, but I can’t see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around.” 25 Then Jesus placed his hands on the man’s eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly. 26 Jesus sent him away, saying, “Don’t go back into the village on your way home.”

Application: Jesus first restored his sight, then his vision.

The highest form of contempt and scorn is to spit on someone (See. Deut. 25:5-9).

Our Lord was on the receiving end of such shame and contempt.

Isa. 50:6 “...I did not hide my face from mockery and spitting.”

The religious leaders who tried Jesus before taking Him to Pilate spat in His face (Matt. 26:67). The soldiers that mocked Jesus before His crucifixion spat on Him (Matt. 27:30).

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

John 9:6-7 (NLT)

6 Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. 7 He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

Application: Sometimes it's through the muddy situations of life that we come out seeing more clearly.

Genesis 2:7 (GW)

7 Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the earth and blew the breath of life into his nostrils. The man became a living being.

MUD AND SPIT THEOLOGY

We need to follow Jesus' example. To help people see more clearly, we will have to get dirty. Get down in the mud sometimes with others. Helping others is messy work.

Counseling is messy work.

Education, freeing a mind of ignorance is messy work.

Discipleship is messy work.

Addiction recovery is messy work.

Marriage restoration is messy work.

Parenting is messy work.

When was the last time you sat in the dirt?

Isaiah 47:1 (GW)

1 Go, sit in the dirt, virgin princess of Babylon! Sit on the ground, not on a throne, princess of the Babylonians! You will no longer be called soft and delicate.

American missionary, Heidi Baker, is not a normal preacher. When she spoke at a conference last week in Ohio, she delivered half of her sermon while lying on the floor. She was clutching the microphone while her forehead was resting on the carpet.

"I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord," she said, quoting Philippians 3:8.

<http://www1.cbn.com/spirituallife/uncomfortable-message-to-america>

The Last Time Scripture Reference Jesus Spitting

Revelation 3:16 (NLT)

16 But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!