

ANOTHER TOUCH

A man in their synagogue was possessed by an evil spirit... Jesus spoke sternly, "Come out of him!" ...the people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this?" (Mark 1) They could not get to Jesus because of the crowd, so they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on... He said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat, and go home." He got up, took his mat, and walked out in full view of them all.

(Mark 2)

That evening after sunset, the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases.

(Mark 1)

He went into the synagogue and a man with a shriveled hand was there. The people watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man, "Stand up in front of everyone... Stretch out your hand!" ...and the hand was completely restored.

(Mark 2)

They brought to him a man who was deaf and could barely talk... After he took him aside away from the crowd, Jesus put his finger into the man's ears...

(Mark 7)

Some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside of the village...

(Mark 8)

God creates, loves, teaches, and empowers every individual in a <u>unique</u> way.

My answer does <u>not</u> come from <u>someone</u> <u>else's</u> <u>experience</u>.

This was a "gradual" miracle in which Jesus touched the man's eyes more than once.

Because it happened in "stages," there was a period when this man was "partially" healed and confused. [Is that a man or a tree?]. He needed another touch.

When we are confused or overwhelmed, we must **seek** and **expect** another touch from God.

Small miracles that grow are just as helpful as large miracles that amaze.

Intellectual understanding is simply the "first touch" in walking with God. Another touch is yet needed for <u>faith</u>, <u>love</u>, <u>joy</u>, <u>boldness</u>, etc.

Another touch from God does not change the reality around us, but changes the reality within us so that we can clearly see and understand what is around us!