

JESUS GIVES SIGHT TO THE BLIND
(Matthew 20:29-34)

- I. The Blind Men's PLEA (Matt. 20:29-31; cf. Mk. 10:46-48; Lk. 18:35-39)
 - A. Jesus and His disciples were LEAVING JERICHO
 1. They had ENTERED earlier that DAY
 2. Jesus had met ZACCHEUS (Lk 19:1ff)
 3. There was a LARGE CROWD following Jesus
 - a. Some were DISCIPLES of Jesus
 - b. Most were TRAVELERS going for PASSOVER
 4. They were moving on to JERUSALEM (Mt. 20:17-19)
 - B. Two BLIND men heard that JESUS was there
 1. They SHOUTED to attract His ATTENTION
 2. They addressed Jesus as "LORD, SON of DAVID"
 3. They asked for His MERCY
 4. They were REBUKED by the CROWD
 5. They PERSISTED in their CRIES

- II. The Lord's PROVISION (Matt. 20:32-34; cf. Mk. 10:49-52; Lk. 18:40-43)
 - A. Jesus HEARD them and STOPPED (cf. Mk. 10:49-50)
 - 1. They were told, "Take COURAGE, He is CALLING for you"
 - 2. They AROSE and WENT TO Jesus
 - B. Jesus asked, "WHAT do you want ME to DO for you?"
 - 1. This called ATTENTION to their REQUEST
 - 2. This indicated He ACCEPTED the Messianic TITLE
 - C. They wanted to be able to SEE (Mk. 10:51; Lk 18:41)
 - 1. They asked to have their SIGHT RESTORED
 - a. Implies they had LOST sight in the past
 - b. Emphasizes their PHYSICAL sight
 - 2. They asked to have their EYES OPENED (Mt. 20:23)
 - a. Includes the need for PHYSICAL sight
 - b. Implies desire for SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING
 - D. In COMPASSION, Jesus TOUCHED their eyes
 - 1. They were able to SEE (cf. Mk. 10:52)
 - 2. They began to FOLLOW Jesus
 - E. This illustrated the PURPOSE of the CROSS
 - 1. Jesus used His power to deliver the BLIND
 - 2. He would NOT use it to deliver HIMSELF