

LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM THE BLIND  
MATTHEW 20:29-34

Introduction:

1. Although the road from Jericho to Jerusalem was notorious for robbers, it was widely used, and larger companies (such as Jesus') would face no threat.
2. Jericho was one of the wealthiest cities of Judea and beggars there would not starve, but their vocation as beggars and dependence still marked them as poor and at the bottom of the socioeconomic scale.
3. They were totally dependent on the pity of passersby.
4. But these blind men had a greater need than money. They needed to have sight.
5. There are some interesting points we need to understand in this account.

I. SOMEONE, AT SOME TIME, SHARED WITH THEM WHO JESUS WAS. **v. 30** *And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"*

- A. Notice they call Him, "Lord, Son of David."
- B. These were titles of honor they give Him, which declared their faith in Him and expressing their sense of His deity, dominion, and power.
- C. The phrase "Son of David", shows they are professing Him to be the Messiah.
- D. Someone took the time to witness to them concerning Jesus' love for all mankind.
- E. These two blind men would have never been saved and had their eyesight restored, if someone hadn't taken the time to tell them of the Messiah.
- F. That is why it is so important for us to take every available opportunity to share Jesus with others. You just never know who will respond in faith, like these two blind men. **Mark 16:15** *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*
- G. Who was it that took the time to share with you about Jesus so that you turned from your sins and received Him as your Savior? Praise God for their faithfulness.

II. THERE WERE THOSE WHO WERE TRYING TO DISSUADE THEM FROM TRUSTING IN JESUS. **v. 31a** *Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet...*

- A. The devil is always ready to interfere and cause others to not believe and trust in the Savior. **1 Peter 5:8** *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*
- B. The crowd chided or reproved them, and in a threatening manner told them to be silent.
- C. How many have listened to the voices of opposition and refused eternal life?
- D. But notice the persistence of these two blind men. **v. 31b** *...but they cried out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"*
- E. If one truly wants to be saved, nothing, nor any person will be able to dissuade them. **Matthew 7:7-8** *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*

III. WHAT DO YOU WANT JESUS TO DO FOR YOU? **v. 32** *So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"*

A. What is your specific need today? To be saved? To be forgiven of sins? To have the Savior do a mighty work in you? To provide certain things for you to live?

B. Faith is the only channel through which we shall receive answers to our prayers.

**James 4:2-3** *You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.*

C. These two blind men were specific in their request to Jesus. They didn't need money, they didn't need houses, they didn't need clothing or popularity, they needed sight!

**v. 33** *They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened."*

D. They needed to see Jesus! The Redeemer! The Messiah! **Ephesians 1:17-19** *...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power...*

E. Do you need eyes of understanding? Give yourself over to Jesus and He will open them as to His plans for your life.

IV. WHEN YOU CALL UPON JESUS HE WILL RESPOND. **v. 34** *So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.*

A. Jesus has compassion for any individual who has a need to be saved, to have the joy of His salvation restored, or to have their faith strengthened to face days of uncertainty.

**Psalms 145:8** *The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.*

B. When one calls upon Jesus, He responds immediately.

C. It is a matter of fully trusting the Lord to work in you. **Psalms 62:8** *Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.*

D. When He answers your prayer, He expects you to follow Him. **John 10:27** *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

Conclusion:

1. What lessons are ours for the learning.
2. There are those who need to hear the gospel and we need to share it with them.
3. There will always be opposition from the evil one.
4. We all have needs that only Jesus can provide.
5. We must call upon Him in faith and allow Him to fulfill His will in our lives.