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Reading: Matthew 20v29-34

Subject: Two Blind Men

The only authority the preacher has to preach is that Jesus is His Saviour and that he is preaching from the Bible, the inspired word of God.

Liberty and change can be brought into your life by the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are not peddling religion, good works or a creed. We preach a God in heaven who loves so much that He sent His only begotten Son (John 3:16). The Son of God could and was willing to die at Calvary to bring men back to God.

Jesus told his disciples that He must die, He chose to do it voluntarily. He did not die a sinner for He was not a sinner – He did nothing wrong. He died to make a way back to God for sinners like you and me. He did the things that pleased the Father.

We read of two men on the side of the road to Jericho. You may ask, What relevance does this have to me today? If we are to draw lessons from this story we need to understand that we have a problem like the two men had. The disease we have comes out in different ways, but the Bible calls it sin. Sin is anything I do that is lower than God's standards.

“[All have sinned and come short of the glory of God](#)” (Rom 3:23).

“[The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord](#)” (Rom 6:23).

At the time of the story Jesus is around thirty-three years old and had been preaching the need to repent for about three years. As far as we know this was the last time Jesus went through Jericho.

There is no message of hope and peace like the gospel. People who deserve hell can be fitted for heaven though Jesus Christ.

The gospel is urgent - “[Behold now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation](#)” 2 Cor 6:2.

It is incredible to think that these men would let Jesus go past if they knew He could cure them and yet many know that Jesus can change their destiny and let Him go by. God may come and take the Christians or you might die and then it will be too late to repent.

There was a great multitude but He knew the two men. No man is too great to need salvation, no one is too small, none are too poor or too rich. There are no social or racial barriers, it is for all.

“Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21)

God's love knows no bounds.

He is interested in you and me, whether you have a great standing or feel like a nobody.

The men had no sight, they could do nothing but beg for their livelihood. Their physical blindness is a picture of our spiritual blindness. There is nothing worth glorying in in my sins.

A person sins because they are a sinner: they did not become a sinner when they committed their first sin.

“All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags” (Isa 64:6)

The gospel is good news; it is a message of hope yet there is a warning. The consequence of spiritual blindness is the lake of fire (Rev 20:15). God loves you but He cannot and will not tolerate sin.

No earthly man can save but Jesus the perfect man can.

He died - “The just for us the unjust” (1 Peter 3:18). He was punished so I don't need to be. He died so men and women could be saved but the fact of the cross is not enough.

A person will only go to heaven because they believe and depend on Him. You may believe the facts but you need to make it personal.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved” Acts 16:31.

The priority for the men in the story was to speak to Jesus. Salvation is not going to fall into your lap. The men were not going to let the opportunity pass them by. What is it that stops people making salvation a priority? Unless it becomes a priority you will not get it.

Where will eternity be for you? Heaven or hell? Hope and peace or a wasted life?

Men mocked: “This man receiveth sinners” (Luke 15:1) but it is something we should be glad about. He said, “Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest” (Mat 11:28).

God wants you to be saved – He has invited you to come to Him – To turn away from your sin and turn to Him. Only one thing you should look for: you need salvation and He is willing to give it to you. You are not guaranteed another opportunity.

There is nothing special about the preacher but the man that he preaches. the important question is, “What think ye of Christ?” (Matt 22:42). Salvation is the most important thing to decide about. Forget depending on anything else and trust the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.