

Open Our Eyes

(Matthew 20:29-34)

- Introduction:
1. The miracles of Jesus were intended to produce faith in those who witnessed his power.
 2. (John 20:30-31).
 3. Not only do these accounts have the power to produce faith, they also contain many contemplative thoughts as well.
 4. Let's consider one such incident in this lesson.

I. Background

- A. While Jesus was leaving the city of Jericho, a multitude of people were following him.
- B. There were two blind men who heard that Jesus was passing by them.
- C. They cried out to Jesus for mercy, and were told to be silent.
- D. Instead, they cried out all the more, and Jesus took notice.
- E. He asked what they desired, and he gave them their sight.

II. Application

- A. These blind men turned to Jesus for help.
 1. (Matthew 20:30).
 2. (John 6:68).
 3. (Matthew 11:28-30).
- B. These blind men sought the Lord, in spite of opposition.
 1. (Matthew 20:31).
 2. Can others silence you?
 3. (Acts 4:17-18).
 4. (Acts 5:28-29).
 5. (2 Corinthians 4:13).
- C. These blind men requested that Jesus open their eyes.
 1. (Matthew 20:33).
 2. Although we may have physical sight, might we need our eyes to be opened?
 - a. Open our eyes to opportunities (Revelation 3:7-8).
 - b. Open our eyes to our blessings (Ephesians 1:3; Psalm 107:8).
 - c. Open our eyes to our future (2 Thessalonians 1:3-12).

- Conclusion:
1. Maybe we, like those blind men in the days of Jesus, need to be crying out to the Lord, asking him to open our eyes.
 2. If your eyes are open, and you don't like what you see, then take advantage of this opportunity to make things right.