

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Developing Faith"
Luke 18:31-43
Study-76

Jesus healed more people that were blind than any other type of infirmity. There are seven accounts, to be exact!

Luke, in our passage, "**contrasts**" **two types of blindness.** There is Physical blindness, which is what we generally think of, and Spiritual blindness. We see both in our passage.

Physical Blindness:

Verse 35 As Jesus was approaching Jericho, a blind man Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

Spiritual Blindness: Verse 34 But the disciples understood none of these things, and the meaning of this statement was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said. Matthew 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34

Mark 8:18 "Having eyes, do you not see?"

God's Remedy/Cure for Physical & Spiritual Blindness is Developing Faith!

Our theme of Luke 18 is "The Disciples' Call To Radical Faith."

Verses 31-43 Developing Faith - Growth of Faith: Contrast of the Disciples' Lack of Spiritual Sight Versus a Blind Man's Spiritual Sight

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Blindness Can Be Both Physical And Spiritual, But Through Faith, In God, Our Eyes Can Yet Be Opened."

- 1. Verses 31-34 Spiritual Blindness:**
- 2. Verses 35-43 Physical Blindness:**

1. Verses 31-34 Spiritual Blindness:

Luke 18:31 Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, Context - Jesus has just been asked by the rich young ruler what he might do to inherit eternal life. Luke 18:21 "All these things I have kept from my youth." (spiritually blind)

Luke 18:24-25

Then He took the twelve (Apostles) aside and said to them, Mark's Gospel adds the reaction to Jesus getting close to Jerusalem, Mark 10:32

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem,
This has been the theme of this entire section.
Luke 9:51 He resolutely set His face to go to Jerusalem;

Verses 31-34 Jesus Predicts His Fate:
and all things which are written through the prophets about the
Son of Man will be accomplished. This is the 3rd time in **Luke** (seven
hints) **the Son of Man** This is taken from **Daniel 7:13-14**

written through the prophets will be accomplished.

Jesus wants His disciples to know that God's faithful, truthful Word is being fulfilled. **Isaiah 53:10**

Luke 18:32 "For He will be handed over to the Gentiles,
Luke 23:1 A reference to the Jews delivering Jesus over to the Romans.
Matthew 20:18

and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, (Isaiah 53)
Commonly called "**Antonio's Fortress,**" It was the Roman Quarters.
Luke 22:63; 23:11,36

Luke 18:33 and after they have scourged Him,
a form of torcher that was used to beat out information. **Luke 22:63**

they will kill Him;
Matthew 20:19 and crucify Him,

and the third day He will rise again." The Gospel message of **Death,**
Burial, and Resurrection. **Luke 23:33; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

Luke 18:34 Notice that **three times** Luke makes it clear that they did not spiritually see it.

But the disciples understood none of these things,
"comprehend the meaning."

meaning of this statement was hidden from them,
"made invisible to be hidden."

and they did not comprehend "to know; to be familiar with" the things
that were said. Why didn't they get it? Jesus Forgave sin **Luke 5:24,**
Raising Jairus daughter **Luke 8:40-56.** "Transfiguration" **Luke 9:28-**
36; Luke 24:25-27; 44-46

Luke 24:45 Then He opened their minds to understand the
Scriptures,

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 *Before we come to Jesus Christ, we are blinded by Satan.*

2 Peter 1:9 is **blind or short-sighted**, *If we don't continue to walk in the light God gives to us, we can become short-sighted.* **Revelation 3:17**

Great Truth: The love and courage of Jesus Christ. To know in advance what He was to undergo and to face it voluntarily. He is our Hero, God. The Magnificent! The Glorious Savior!

2. Verses 35-43 Physical Blindness:

Luke 18:35 **As Jesus was approaching Jericho** – *"City of Roses"* was about 15 miles east of Jerusalem, west of the Jordan River. The walk is about eight hours. Elevation: - 846.5' A Levitical priests' city.

Matthew 20:29 **As they were leaving Jericho,**

Verses 35-43 Jesus Displays His Power: **a blind man was sitting by the road begging.** Matthew tells us that there were two blind beggars who met Jesus as He left Jericho (**Matthew 20:29-30**), The Demon-Possessed of the Gadarenes. **Matthew 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-39; Mark 5:1-20**

Mark 10:46 **Bartimaeus** - means "Son of Timaeus"
Timaeus - "*Honor*" so his name is "*Son of Honor*"
"a son of one who loves God"

Luke 18:36 **Now hearing a crowd going by,**
There is this sense of expectation as Jesus is making His way to Jerusalem.

Luke 18:37 **Jesus of Nazareth**
"a person from Nazareth" Jesus was brought up in Nazareth

Luke 18:38 **"Jesus, Son of David, (Only time Jesus is called this in Luke)** a Messianic title for the Messiah. The promise that was made to David (that His throne would be eternal.) **Isaiah 35:5**

have mercy on me!" He did not cry out for rights! **His disability rights!**

Luke 18:39 **Those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet;** His calling out disturbed people. **Luke 18:18**

but he kept crying out all the more, The greatness of this man's faith developed even more under pressure to stop. **Luke 18:17**

"Son of David, have mercy on me!" Real faith cries out even more. It does not diminish because of circumstances but hopes against hope!

Matthew 5:6

Jeremiah 29:13

**Luke 18:40 And Jesus stopped
(What stopped Jesus? The man's cry to Jesus for mercy)**

**Luke 18:41 "What do you want Me to do for you?"
(Jesus appeals not to our wants but our needs)**

There are people that don't want divine help with their problems!

"Divine omnipotence never violates the sanctity of the human will."

Some fear change! They have become comfortable in their situation.

**"What do you want Me to do for you?" (Jesus draws his faith out!)
And he said, "Lord, or "master, chief" Jesus was Lord, deity!**

I want to regain my sight!" (Had spiritual now physical)

Luke 18:42 "Receive your sight; Matthew 20:34 Jesus touched their eyes;

Your faith has made you well.

Holistic way, *"the man was healed both physically and spiritually"*

"Faith is the link between our need and the divine supply, we must believe to see!" (Faith was the means by which he received)

Luke 18:43 Immediately he regained his sight, He did not wait for a process to regain his sight, but it was immediately he was able to see.

and began following Him, glorifying God; That is proof that you have been given eyesight in that you begin to follow Jesus Christ.

and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God.

The people had tried to shut him up, and now they are praising God.

Application:

1. Jesus, Our Magnificent Savior, Knew In Advance And Even Told His Disciples What He Was To Undergo. Jesus Then Courageously, Voluntarily Faced Them:
2. The Prayer That God Hears Comes From A Heart Of Faith That Believes That Jesus Is The Messiah And Seeks From The God Of Mercy:
3. The Man's Healing And Conversion Was Accompanied By Following And Glorifying Jesus: