

Series "Behold Your King"
"Who Cares?"
Matthew 20:29-34
Part-89

Is. 35:5

Physical Blindness: Matt 20:30

Spiritual Blindness: Mark 8:18

10 Great Lessons In Meeting Jesus:

Matt 20:29

"Worldly Ambition" Matt 20:21

Matt 20:28

1. Great Lessons In Meeting Jesus – The greatest in the kingdom will stoop to serve the least:

Matt 20:30

All 3 Gospels record this event: Matt 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

Gerasenes - Matthew 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-39; Mark 5:1-20

2. Great Lessons In Meeting Jesus – Don't get so bogged down in details that we fail to see those that sought Jesus in faith and found Him:

Mark 10:46 a blind beggar

3. Great Lessons In Meeting Jesus – We are poor, spiritual beggars who have no hope of improving our condition and have no claim on Jesus:

Blindness in Jesus day carried a stigma:

John 9:1-3

Blindness is a symbol of spiritual ignorance and unbelief:

Isaiah 6:10

Matt. 6:22-23

4. Great Lessons In Meeting Jesus – These two blind men were physical illustrations of the disciples' spiritual blindness:

Mark 10:46

Bartimaeus - Means "Son of Timaeus." Timaeus - "Unclean" so his name is "Son of the Unclean." Foul in a religious sense, defiled, infamous, polluted"

5. Great Lessons In Meeting Jesus – When our meeting with Jesus comes, we need to take it; it's now or never:

Acts 17:32

Mercy – compassion for the consequences of sin "not giving what is deserved"

The principal Hebrew word for mercy – (compassion) speaks of "an emotional response to the needs of others. It means to feel the pain of another so deeply that we're compelled to do something about it."

6. Great Lessons In Meeting Jesus – When we approach God, we must come appealing for mercy; God is the God of all mercy!:

Deuteronomy 4:31

Nehemiah 9:31

Psalms 119:132

Daniel 9:18

Romans 9:16

Ephesians 2:4

7. Great Lessons In Meeting Jesus – Faith can be found in the most unlikely places; The Revelation of the blind:

Matt 1:1

Matt 21:1-11

Matt 20:31

Mark 10:48 – And many were sternly telling him to be quiet

8. Great Lessons In Meeting Jesus – The crowd will not help us, because the crowd is also blind:

These are men who will not be kept from Christ who in the end find him.

Gen 32:26

Jer 29:13

Matt 20:32

Mark 10:49

John 5:6

Matt 20:33

9. Great Lessons In Meeting Jesus – These two blind men were not afraid to bring a great request:

Matt 20:34

Webster's defines compassion as " feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for someone in the midst of a tragedy, accompanied by a desire to alleviate the suffering."

Eph 3:19

Isa 29:18-19

10. Great Lessons In Meeting Jesus – These two blind men were grateful:

Application:

1. We will never truly seek God until we are willing to admit our inability to help ourselves:
2. In seeking a relationship with God we must approach God only on the basis of His mercy:
3. We are not to allow anything to keep us or hinder us from our pursuit of God: Family, friends or crowds.
4. What is it that we would want Jesus to do for us? Do we truly want to be made whole?
5. If a person says they are in the light (can see) and are walking in darkness (walking in sin), they are deceived. How can a person that has had their eyes opened continue to live in darkness?