

Theme: In the same way that Jesus could heal physical blindness, so he can deliver all those who will cry out to Him in faith from deadly spiritual blindness.

Background: Approaching Jerusalem. Nearing end of his physical and spiritual journey to Jerusalem.

Introduction: The advantages – and *disadvantages* of “education”.

I. The Disciples Blindness

- Jesus instructs the 12 aside.

A. The Son of Man

- The name Jesus takes to Himself (Daniel 7:1-14)
- Jesus claims to be this transcendent being!

B. The “Son of Man” must die

1. Not the 1st time he has said it. Luke 9:22
2. Part of Divine plan
 - fulfilling “everything that is written”
 - these things “must happen” Luke 22:37
 - Jesus is going to Jerusalem to die

C. The Disciples can’t see

1. Blind to the scope of God’s plan
 - a. Christ’s death to bring life to us
 - b. The fulfillment of “all the words of the prophets”
 - Daniel 7:14 & Isaiah 53
 - c. The expansion of the Kingdom
“...*they understood none of these things*”
2. Blind to their own helplessness, lostness, need
 - it “*was hidden from them*”

NOTE: They would not be left “in the dark”. Luke 24:44, 45

II. The Blind Man’s “Sight”

A. A tragic physical problem – blind!

1. A blind man’s life
2. A blind man’ hope
 - Jesus is passing by
 - He will be “heard”

3. A blind man's cry?

- a. "Son of David"
 - This was a *bold, messianic statement!*
 - He believed it
- b. "Have mercy on me"

4. The Savior's call

- a. Jesus stops to see this man
- b. Make him share his request – what did he want?

B. A deadly spiritual problem

1. Blindness to sin and judgment

- He "saw" what many do not

2. Complete healing

- a. He sees Jesus - physically
- b. He sees Jesus – savingly (salvifically) 18:42 & 18:26

ASIDE: The Point of Jesus' Miracles? Demonstrations of deep spiritual realities.

C. The only reasonable response?

- He *followed* Jesus.

III. What Do You See?

1. The disciples needed to see, confess their own need!

- They needed to *see Jesus* not just as their master – but as the Savior and Lord of All.
- Just as we must.

2. Do you *see* Jesus for Who He truly is!

- Do you know who He is?
- Have you cried out to Him like the blind man?

Do you see -

3. God working out his plans – even if I can't see how each step matters?

- We must look to Jesus for the strength and grace to walk with Him when we can't see what is ahead.

Heavenly Father, give us eyes that are fixed on Jesus, the risen King and Lord. And let us follow Him with peace and perseverance as He faithfully leads us through this life and into the next.