

INTRODUCTION

- * Jesus is on His final trip from Galilee to Jerusalem. He has made His way down the Jordan River in order to pass through Jericho.
- * In our study of the Gospel according to Luke, we have seen that Jesus clearly will go out of His way in order to "coincidentally" have an encounter with specific individuals. In many of those occasions, those individuals would have been considered outcasts of society - lepers, demoniacs, gentiles, Roman centurions, tax collectors, prostitutes, etc.
- * Today, we see Jesus engage another "outcast." Yet, as we have seen in many of those other encounters, Jesus sets up the opportunity for them to engage Him!
- * In today's passage, we also see a juxtaposition of two accounts in which God keeps blinded the "eyes" of those who can see (the Apostles) and opens the eyes of one who cannot see (Bar-Timaeus)!

INSTRUCTION**I. INSTRUCTING THE APOSTLES (v. 31-34)****A. R_____ the P_____**

1. DECLARED BY THE PROPHETS (cf. Psalm 22; 69; Isaiah 50:6; 52:14-53:12; Daniel 9:26; Zechariah 12:10)
2. DECLARED BY THE MESSIAH

B. C_____ the M_____

1. THE APOSTLES' I_____ (cf. Luke 8:10; 19:41-42; 24:13-45; ... v. 31,32,45)
2. THE LORD'S I_____ (cf. Genesis 18:17; 2 Kings 4:27; 6:12; Amos 3:7; Ephesians 3:1-11)

II. HEALING THE BLIND MAN (v. 9-14)**A. His D_____ (v. 35)**

1. HIS N_____ (cf. Mark 10:46)
2. HIS B_____ (cf. 1 Sam 11:1-2; 2 Sam 5:6; Judges 16:21; 2 Kings 25:5-7; Ps 88:5-6; 143:3,7; Lam 3:6; John 9:1-5)

B. His D_____ (v. 36-38)

1. A CALL FOR THE M_____ (cf. 2 Sam 7:12-16; Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1; Jer 23:5; Matt 12:23; 21:9,15-16)
2. A CALL FOR M_____

C. His D_____ (v. 39)**D. His D_____ (v. 40-42)**

1. THE P_____ OF C_____ (v. 42)
2. THE F_____ OF M_____ (v. 42; cf. Luke 7:50; 8:48; 17:19; Matt 13:58)

E. His D_____ (v. 43)**INTROSPECTION**

- * How easily silenced are you? Are you willing to publicly declare allegiance to Jesus the Messiah?
- * At what level is your faith? Is it the size of a mustard seed?
- * Are you expecting God to do great things - even beyond what can be imagined?
- * Are you willing to leave everything to follow Jesus?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * The apostles were purposefully hindered by God from comprehending the fulness of His redemptive plan. What are areas in which He still has allowed us to deal with a "theological" mystery?