

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 18:31-43

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

ARE YOU WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT?

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

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When Jesus Christ Spoke

He spoke into the heart and mind of every man who was willing to hear.

(People today are craving to have someone understand them, to know them. so much so that people “fabricate or invent” a relationship out of straw)

“Communication” is a big deal Today

but face to face relationship is dying off.

internet **chatroom** relationships, **Facebook** or **myspace** encounters in an imaginary, “fabricated or invented”, cyber world of skewed reality.

You Wanna Chatroom?

try getting alone with the Lord

You Wanna Facebook?

put your face in the Book

You Wanna Myspace?

try practicing the presence of God in your life

Luke 18:31-43

Then He took **the twelve aside** and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and **all things that are written by the prophets** concerning the Son of Man will be **accomplished**. :32 For (1) He will be delivered to the Gentiles and (2) will be mocked and (3) insulted and (4) spit upon. :33 (5) They will scourge *Him* and (6) kill Him. And (7) the third day He will rise again.” :34 But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken. :35 Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that **a certain blind man** sat by the road begging. :36 And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. :37 So they told him that **Jesus of Nazareth** was passing by. :38 And he cried out, saying, “**Jesus, Son of David**, have mercy on me!” :39 Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” :40 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, :41 saying, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.” :42 Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” :43 And immediately he **received his sight**, and **followed** Him, **glorifying** God. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.

ARE YOU WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT?

1.) Then open up your mind vs. 31

1a.) Because God wants to speak to you vs. 31

Then He took **the twelve aside** and said to them,

The Disciples would soon be commissioned as Apostles and by taking the word of God to the world, they would become His prophets.

There's No Replacement or Exercise in Spiritual Growth than to be with Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 3:15

And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing,
Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

You Wanna Go to His Chatroom & Be in His Facebook?
& You Want Him in Your space?

**ARE YOU WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT?
THEN OPEN UP YOUR MIND**

1b.) Because God wants to show you vs. 31

“Behold, (look) we are going up to Jerusalem, and **all things that are written by the prophets** concerning the Son of Man **will be accomplished.**”

“All things that are written by the prophets”

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Hosea 12:10

I have also spoken by the prophets And have multiplied visions; I have given symbols through the witness of the prophets.”

**ARE YOU WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT?
THEN OPEN UP YOUR MIND**

1c.) Because God wants to encourage you

those things... “concerning the Son of Man **will be accomplished.**”

Will God Keep His Promises to Us?

(1) - what God has written has been accomplished.

(2) - that which is not yet accomplished, will be!

He’s Telling Them in Advance

John 13:19

Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*.

Isaiah 55:8-11

“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD.
:9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. :10 “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the Sower And bread to the eater, :11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF UPHELD THE INTEGRITY OF GOD’S WORD

Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. :18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

John 1:1-2,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
:2 He was in the beginning with God... :14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

ARE YOU WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT?

2.) Then open up your heart vs. 32-34

2a.) By honestly looking at the evidence vs. 32

:32 For (1) He will be **delivered** to the Gentiles and (2) will be **mocked** and (3) **insulted** and (4) **spit** upon. :33 (5) They will **scourge Him** and (6) **kill Him**. And (7) the third day He will **rise again.**”

THE PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES MADE SURE

2 Peter 1:17-19

For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” :18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. :19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

743 Years Before Jesus was Born...

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted and highly exalted. :14 Just as there were many who were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness :15 so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. :1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? :2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. :3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. :4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. :5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. :6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. :7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. :8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. :9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. :10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. :11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. :12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors

By The Way, Jesus Never Mentioned or Taught Regarding His Sacrifice without telling the whole truth and nothing but the truth...

(7) but on the third day He will rise again.”

**ARE YOU WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT?
THEN OPEN UP YOUR HEART**

2b.) By honestly drawing a conclusion vs. 34

But they **understood none** of these things; this saying was **hidden from them**, and they **did not know** the things **which were spoken**.

this is a great warning to us.

It's Not That They "Couldn't Understand"
it's that they "Wouldn't Understand, - it's not what they wanted to hear.

Weeks ago, he had warned them at Caesarea Philippi...

Luke 9:22

"The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

Luke 9:44

"Let these words sink down into your ears,
for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men."

If this morning you're saying.

"Pastor Jack, I want to believe. I want to see "then conclude".

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

!!!Honestly Come to a Conclusion!!!

ask yourself, - - "can I walk away from everything written in this book?"
(Yes or no)

if you **cannot walk away** from this Bible,
then ask Him to "open the eyes-of-your-heart"

Ephesians 1:17-19

The Apostle Paul in Prayed for the Christians in Turkey when he said... "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him**, :18 that the **eyes of your understanding** being enlightened; that **you may know** what is **the hope** of His calling, what are **the riches** of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, :19 and what *is* **the exceeding greatness of His power** toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

ARE YOU WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT?

3.) Then open up your mouth

vs. 35-43

3a.) So, you can hear

vs. 35-37

:35 Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that **a certain blind man** sat by the road begging. :36 And **hearing** a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. :37 So they told him that **Jesus of Nazareth** was passing by.

A Lil Background Check Here

It's good for us to know the setting in which this is taking place. As Jesus is now heading up to Jerusalem for the very last time. He is ascending in altitude from the Jordan river valley, heading west towards Jerusalem.

Also, the feast of Passover is nearing and there are literally tens of thousands of worshippers, pilgrims, and religious folks pouring into Jerusalem. the roads are packed with crowds coming from all corners of the known world until the city's population will swell to over 2 million visitors.

Verse 35b-36

...that **a certain blind man sat** by the (on the edge) road begging. :36 And **hearing** a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

for this blind man, it was just another blind day.
no doubt he woke up, did what he did every day in total darkness.

He would have "**Touched**" and "**Listened**" and "**Prodded**" his way thru each day. that was how he survived.

Is This Not a Picture of This Lost World Today?

...that **a certain blind man sat** by the (on the edge) road begging. :36 And **hearing** a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

Matthew 4:13-16

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, :14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: :15 *“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: :16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.” (Isaiah 9:2)*

Verse 37

So, they told him that **Jesus of Nazareth** was passing by.

This man would have heard about this “Miracle Working Carpenter” the rumors about His birth, His earlier years at the temple. His 3 years of public ministry had rattled the nation... **Jesus of Nazareth (is) passing by?**

**ARE YOU WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT?
THEN OPEN UP YOUR MOUTH**

3b.) So, you can shout

vs. 38

wait just a minute

Jesus of Nazareth (is) passing by?

just then his “blind-Sensitive-Ears caused his head to spring up!”

:38 And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

In One Dramatic Instant, This Blind-Begging-Bum said what a few if any understood...
this is The Son of David, Messiah, Savior, King!!!

This Jewish Begger Probably Knew His O.T.

Isaiah 29:18b

In that day the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.

Isaiah 35:5

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

The Rabbis of the First Century Longed for The Coming of Messiah.

they knew from the scriptures that he would be the “**Second David**” or the “**Son of David**”, in their theological conversations they would simply refer to the coming messiah as “David”

Verse 39a

:**39** Then those who went before **warned** him that he should **be quiet**.

put yourself in his darkness for a moment

(Cover your eyes and “see” how dependant you become on your ears)

Verse 39b

but he **cried** out more, “**Son of David, have mercy on me!**”

this “all the more” means he kept it up”

“**Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me!**”

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Matthew 11:12

From the days of John, the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men (*this blind man*) lay hold of it.

Psalms 116:13

I will take up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the LORD.

Psalms 116:17

I will call upon the name of the LORD.

Romans 10:13

For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

**ARE YOU WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT?
THEN OPEN UP YOUR MOUTH**

3c.) So, you can believe

vs. 40-41a

So, Jesus **stood still** (*stopped in his tracks*) and **commanded** him to be **brought** to Him.
And when the man had come near, Jesus asked him,
:41 saying, **“What do you want Me to do for you?”**

remember verse 36

“And the man **“hearing”** a multitude passing by, - - that had to be loud.

The Awesome Thing Is.

In The Noisy Crowd - Jesus Heard one Man in Need

Mark's Gospel Gives Us Additional Information.

Mark 10:49-50

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, **“Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”** :50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

this is comical

Verse 39

Then those who went before **warned** him... we're warning you, you big mouth blind bum - - **be quiet...Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you**

“What do you want Me to do for you?”

Are You Kidding Me? – the guy is blind!

Verse 41b

He said, **“Lord, that I may receive my sight.”**:42 Then Jesus said to him,
“Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.”

He Identified Jesus of Nazareth as **“The Lord”**

“I can see who you are – You're the Lord”

Friend - You Don't Need Eyes for You to See the Truth –
You Simply Need Faith.

this blind man could see better than anybody there - - I'll Prove It

Jeremiah 29:13

And you will seek Me and find Me,
when you search for Me with all your heart.

There's a New Testament Equivalent

Matthew 5:6

Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

“Then” Jesus said to him,
“Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.”
faith cannot, is not real until it's in action.

“Dear Mister Begger Man, Receive your sight.
(because you know who I am) you've been made well.”

Verse 43

And immediately he **received his sight**, and **followed** Him, **glorifying** God.
And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.

And immediately he **received his sight**

and what was the first sight he saw?

THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST – FACE TO FACE

imagine with me for a moment

for the first time this man got to.

“See what his Friends Feel Like”

he got to “See what a Tree Sounds Like”

he got to “See what a Rose Smells Like”

John 3:17-19

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. :19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light,

Sin blinds us to Reality, to the Truth, to God.

“there’s only one thing worse than being blind,
it’s not knowing you’re blind.”

do you “see” your need for Jesus Christ as *your* Lord today?
if your answer is no, it’s because you’re blind and you cannot see your need.

2 Corinthians 4:2-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, :4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

But Contrary to Blindness, is Seeing

What is That? What’s That Noise?
It’s ***Jesus of Nazareth (is) passing by!***
what do you need Him to do for you?

ARE YOU WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT?

————— *End of Study* —————