



Matthew 20:29-34

Matt. 20:29 Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

Matt. 20:30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"

Matt. 20:31 Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"

Matt. 20:32 So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

Matt. 20:33 They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened."

Matt. 20:34 So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

In the parallel account Mark focus' our attention on just one of the men & adds this interesting observation...

Mark 10:49 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."

Mark 10:50 *And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.*

Observations & Discussion

1. What obstacle stood between Joshua & the children of Israel to keep them from entering the Promised Land? Where did the account recorded here in Matthew's Gospel take place?
2. What obstacle stood between the blind men in our text & the healing they desired?
3. What are the similarities between how the battle of Jericho was fought & the healing of these blind men?
4. The blind men addressed Jesus as, "**Lord, Son of David**". Why is that title significant & what does it reveal about who they believed Jesus to be?
5. The crowd following Jesus tried to silence the blind men—but they wouldn't keep quiet. What does the blind men's behavior teach us about faith & prayer?
6. In Mark 10:50 we're told that one of the blind men threw aside his garment & came to Jesus. What does his behavior teach us about faith?
7. Why do think Jesus asked the blind men, "What do you want Me to do for you?" Didn't He realize they were blind? Compare with James 4:2b. What does that teach you about faith & prayer?