

Sermon Outline
“The Blind Shall See”
Matthew 20:29-34

- I.** The final sign before the entrance to Jerusalem
The blind receive sight – the first sign pointed out to John 11:2-6
See Is 29:18; 35:4-5
A previous healing of the blind 9:27-31
Parallels:
Two blind men
“Son of David”
Jesus speaks before he heals
Jesus touches them
Differences:
They follow (Ch 9); they sit (Ch 20)
Rebuke from the crowd (Ch 20)
Emphasis on their faith (Ch 9)
Warning (Ch 9); No warning (Ch 20)
They depart (Ch 9); They follow (Ch 20)
- II.** Jesus asks a question “What is your desire?”
The same question Jesus posed to Salome v. 21
Contrast between James & John and the blind men
James & John are blind to the real mission
Salome’s request is not in line with the mission
The blind men ask according to the prophecies (the mission)
Cf. John 15:7 “Abide in me, my words in you.”
The crowd is exposed to the truth of Jesus’ identity vv. 30-31
The crowd’s reaction causes the repetition of the appeal.
The result is seen in 21:9.
- III.** The compassion of Jesus brings the lesson of Ch 18 to the fore
“Do not despise my little ones.” vv. 10-11
“The first shall be last, and the last first” 19:30; 20:16
James and John are “great ones” and “first ones”
Their desire seeking power is not granted
The blind men are “little ones” and “last ones”
Their desire seeking mercy is granted
- The identity of Jesus as Messiah is confirmed, moving toward the accomplishment of his mission in Jerusalem:
“The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” 20:28