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Text:

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27. And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

28. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

29. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

31. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

32. As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

33. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

34. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

Commentary:

I. As Jesus passed along two blind men followed him and cried out, "Have mercy on us, thou Son of David."

A. The learned Pharisees and doctors of the law did not see Jesus as the Messiah.

B. These blind men saw Jesus very clearly as the Messiah.

II. These blind men saw Jesus as the way to their healing, the sight they were seeking.

III. Blindness is a type of sin as portrayed in the Bible.

- A. Deuteronomy 28:29, At midday you will grope about like a blind man in the dark. You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no one to rescue you.
- B. Isaiah 59:10, Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like men without eyes. At midday we stumble as if it were twilight; among the strong, we are like the dead.
- C. Job 12:25, They grope in darkness with no light; he makes them stagger like drunkards.
- D. Zephaniah 1:17, I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth.
- E. Isaiah 29:8, as when a hungry man dreams that he is eating but he awakens, and his hunger remains; as when a thirsty man dreams that he is drinking, but he awakens faint, with his thirst unquenched. So will it be with the hordes of all the nations that fight against Mount Zion.
- F. Ephesians 5:8, For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.
- G. Matthew 15:14, Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”

H. Isaiah 35:5, Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

IV. The poignant expression, “Have mercy on us, thou son of David,” reminds us of our great need for the Lord’s mercy.

V. When Jesus was in the house the blind men came to him seeking their sight.

A. Jesus asked them, “Do you believe I can give you sight?”

B. The blind men affirmed their faith in Jesus’ ability to give them sight.

C. Jesus touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith be it done unto you.”

D. In so many ways Jesus says to us, “According to your faith be it done unto you.”

1. We can either walk on water or sink depending on what we believe in our hearts.

2. He can who thinks he can! He can’t who thinks he can’t!

VI. The blind men received their sight immediately!

A. Jesus sternly, strictly told the men to tell no one of their miraculous healing at his hands.

B. However, they went everywhere telling what Jesus had done for them.

C. They flatly disobeyed Jesus! Was this sinful? Why would those who had been so richly blessed totally disobey the healer?

VII. As Jesus and his entourage went along the way a speechless man was brought to Jesus for healing.

- A. This man was speechless, not “dumb”; that is retarded.
- B. The man was demon possessed and this caused his inability to speak.
- C. Jesus cast the demon out of the man who then was able to speak normally.
- D. The multitudes were amazed and declared among themselves, “Nothing like this has ever happened in Israel before!”
- E. The enemies of Jesus, the Pharisees, put their own “spin” on these events by saying that Jesus healed the man alright, but he did it by the power of the devil, not the power of God.
- F. The Pharisees refused to see any good thing in Jesus. Nothing could be said or done to change their minds. “My mind is made up. Don’t confuse me with the facts.”
- G. Acts 4:16, “What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it.”

VIII. Jesus went about in the cities, villages and synagogues of the area:

- A. teaching the gospel of the kingdom.
- B. healing all manner of diseases and sicknesses.
- C. performing wondrous miracles without number.

D. John 20:30, 31, Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

IX. Jesus, seeing the multitudes, was moved with compassion because they were distressed and scattered as sheep not having a shepherd.

A. Jesus was moved with compassion; that is, pity, concern and love for these “lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

X. Jesus told his disciples:

A. The harvest is plentiful.

B. The laborers are few.

C. Pray God for more laborers.

D. We also have great opportunities to advance the cause of Christ.

E. We must do what we can to teach the gospel of the kingdom to the world to the saving of lost souls.

F. We must pray for others to help us in this greatest of all endeavors with effects for both time and eternity.

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Questions

1. Two _____ men following Jesus saying, "Thou _____ of _____, have _____ on _____."

2. Jesus asked, "_____ ye that I am _____ to do this?" they answered, "_____, _____." Jesus _____ their _____ and said, "According to your _____ be it unto you." Their _____ were _____."

3. Why did Jesus not want the healed men to tell what he had done for them? _____

4. Why did they not obey Jesus in this matter? _____

5. A _____ man _____ with a _____ was then brought to Jesus.

6. When the _____ was cast out, the _____ spoke. The _____ claimed, "He casteth out _____ through the _____ of the _____."

7. _____ is a _____ of _____.

8. Jesus went about in the _____, _____ and _____ (1) _____ the _____ of the _____, (b) _____ all manner of _____ and _____, and (c) _____ without number.

9. Jesus told the disciples, (a) the _____ is _____, (b) the _____ are _____, (c) _____ for more _____.

10. We need for Jesus to have mercy on us. What does, “Be it done unto us according to our faith,” mean? _____

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