

**INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL
STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

5 MARCH 2022

Text: Matthew 9:25-34

Subject: THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Focus: The healing of two blind men

²⁷ When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

²⁸ And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."

³¹ But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

Matthew 9:27-31

TWO BLIND MEN

1. Significant things to note

- a) They were blind
- b) They followed the Lord Jesus
- c) They called the Lord Jesus, "Son of David"
- d) They pleaded for mercy

2. How were these details "significant things?"

- a) They persisted/ persevered
- b) Their appeal for mercy from "The Son of David" was unusual
- c) This text is to be compared with Mark 10:46-52
- d) Bartimaeus was one of the blind men
- e) They persisted even though the crowds were upset with their clamouring for mercy from the Son of David

- f) This was one of the titles associated with the Messiah

THREE IMPORTANT THINGS TO APPRECIATE ABOUT THE MIRACLES OF THE LORD

1. Knowledge about the Lord Jesus

- a) The blind men knew that the Lord Jesus was not an ordinary person
- b) He was the Messiah, the Son of David
- c) He was the King
- d) He has mercy to give

2. Faith in the Lord Jesus

- a) The Lord Jesus pointedly asked if they believed truly that He could heal them
- b) They replied in the affirmative

3. Obedience to the Lord Jesus

- a) The Lord strictly warned them not to tell others about this miracle
- b) However, they did not obey this strict word given to them
- c) After they were healed, they went out to tell people that they were healed

4. To understand this Miracle correctly

- a) Mark 10 tells us that Bartimaeus followed the Lord Jesus
 - i) Before he was healed
 - ii) After he was healed
- c) Matthew 9 tells us that both men
 - i) Went out and told others about their miracle they received from the Lord
 - ii) Bartimaeus may have followed for a while
 - iii) He probably joined his friend later to tell others about what they had experienced

UNDERSTANDING MIRACLES IN THE GOSPELS

1. They portrayed the works of the Lord Jesus

- a) His works were witnesses
- b) His works displayed the power of God

2. Faith in the Lord Jesus

- a) Knowledge is to be sought after
- b) Faith is of importance
- c) Obedience is not to be disregarded

3. Miracles are not meant to be examples for us to chase after

- a) Sadly, many still seek Miracles
- b) Unfortunately, many offer to perform Miracles as if they really had the power