

~ **BELIEVING IS SEEING** ~

Matthew 20:29-34

INTRODUCTION: Jesus is about a day's journey from Jerusalem and has made His last trip through Jericho where two blind men found their way to a miracle of life changing proportions. Once again Jesus will set forth His credentials as Israel's Messianic King. This passage ties His serving ministry and saving ministry together (Matthew 20:28). As He is on His way to give His life as a ransom for His people He stops and ministers to two blind beggars. Jesus will exercise His power to save others but He will not do so to save Himself. As with all His miracles - this miracle can also be viewed as a powerful illustration of man's spiritual blindness and Jesus' power to open blind eyes. This form of blindness is all around us today here in the North Country - Jesus is still able to cause the blind to see. There may be some blind people with us here this morning. If so – it is my prayer that you will take the place of the two blind beggars and cry out to Him as He passes by – “*Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!*”

A. _____ **KNOCKS** – 20:30a

B. _____ **SOUGHT** – 20:30b-31

1. **WITH** _____ – *IN LIGHT OF THE NEED*

2. **WITH** _____ – *IN FACE OF THE OPPOSITION*

3. **WITH** _____ – *IN SPITE OF THE SURROUNDINGS*

C. _____ RESPONDS – 20:32

1. HE _____ – *IMPLIED*

2. HE _____ – *“JESUS STOOD STILL.”*

3. HE _____ – *“AND CALLED THEM”*

4. HE _____ – *“WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?”*

D. _____ ASKS – 20:33

E. _____ RECEIVES – 20:34

F. _____ FOLLOWS – 20:34