

# **“Sight for Blind Eyes”**

## **Luke 18:31-43**

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### **I. Introduction**

- A. We have finally come to what is close to the last week of the public ministry of Jesus
  - 1. As far back as chapter 9:51 of Luke’s gospel, it said that Jesus “steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.”
  - 2. He is going there to die on the cross
  - 3. Today in the text, we see two things:
    - a) The work of His passion (vv. 31-34)
    - b) The word of His power (vv. 35-43)

### **II. The Work of His Passion (Luke 18:31-34)**

- A. The plan of His passion (v. 31)
  - 1. It was the Father’s plan
    - a) (Genesis 3:15)
    - b) (Psalm 22)
    - c) (Isaiah 53)
  - 2. It’s the third time
    - a) Peter- “no way”
    - b) Who will be the greatest
    - c) James and John
- B. The particulars of His passion (vv. 32-33a)
- C. The power over His passion (v. 33b)
- D. The perception of His passion (v. 34)
  - 1. They should have simply believed the words of Jesus

### **III. The Word of His Power (Luke 18:35-43)**

- A. His prayer was born out of painful awareness of his condition
  - 1. His prayer stopped Jesus (v. 40)
  - 2. He was a poor, helpless, blind beggar (us, too)
  - 3. “Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:3).
  - 4. Illustration- Remember the Pharisee and the Publican
  - 5. So many are blinded and cannot see their sin
  - 6. He cared for mercy (v. 38-39)
- B. He prayed in faith, displaying great insight into the person of Christ
  - 1. “Son of David” (v. 38)
  - 2. “Son of David” (v. 39)
  - 3. “Lord” (v. 41)
  - 4. Not Jesus of Nazareth
    - a) “Thy faith hath saved thee” (v. 42)
  - 5. He was blind, yet he could see Jesus

- a) Illustration- Helen Keller- “Better to be blind and see with your heart than have two good eyes and see nothing”
- C. He prayed with a passionate persistence (v. 39)
  - 1. Don’t stop
  - 2. Illustration- “The unjust judge” (Luke 18)
  - 3. Jesus cares and hears our cry
  - 4. Jesus stood still (v. 40)
    - a) (Mark 10:49)
  - 5. “Casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus (Mark 10:50)
- D. His prayer was in the will of God (v. 41)
  - 1. “And this is the confidence...” (1 John 5:14-15)
  - 2. The purpose of prayer
- E. His prayer was answered (vv. 42-43)
  - 1. It’s a picture of how we are saved
  - 2. It was immediate (v. 43)
    - a) Salvation is not a process (sanctification is)
    - b) From death to life, blind now I see
  - 3. It was complete
  - 4. It was through faith (v. 42)
  - 5. It resulted in a changed life (v. 43)

#### **IV. Conclusion**

- A. Do you see your need for Him?
- B. Will you cry out to Him?
- C. Jesus is here today. Don’t let this opportunity pass you by.