

141. Jesus Meets a Blind Man and a Short Man (Luke 18:35-19:10)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, when You come into a person's life, that person changes. Thank You for coming into our lives through baptism, through Your body and blood, and through Your word. Please change our hearts and minds to be loving toward other people, the same as You love us. We pray in Your name, amen.

Luke 18:35-39. Jesus came near the city named Jericho. A blind man sat by the road and begged for money. He heard the crowd of people and asked what was happening. People told the man, "Jesus is coming." The blind man shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, show mercy to me!" People in the crowd told him to stop yelling, he should be quiet. But the man shouted more, "Son of David, show mercy to me!"

- What did the blind man do when he heard Jesus was coming?
- The Old Testament said the Savior would be descended from King David. How did the blind man show he believed in Jesus?
- Did the crowd like his yelling? What did they tell him? What did the blind man do in response?

Luke 18:40-43. Jesus stopped. He told people to bring the blind man. When the blind man came, Jesus asked him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The man said, "Lord, I want to see." Jesus said, "You can see. Your faith healed you." Immediately, the man could see. He followed Jesus and praised God. All the people saw what happened, and they also praised God.

- Jesus stopped and called for the blind man to come. Why do you think Jesus asked him what he wanted? Why not just heal him?
- What did the blind man do after he could see?
- Before, the people in the crowd were against the blind man. Did Jesus' actions change the people? What did they do after Jesus healed the man?

Luke 19:1-4. Jesus entered the city named Jericho and was walking through the city. A man named Zaccheus lived in Jericho. Zaccheus was the chief (boss) tax collector and he was very rich. He wanted to see Jesus, but he couldn't. Zaccheus was too short and couldn't see over the crowd of people. He ran ahead and climbed a tree. When Jesus walked that way, Zaccheus could see Jesus.

- Who was Zaccheus? What did he do for work? Was he the kind of man people liked?
- Zaccheus was short. What did he do so he could see Jesus?

Luke 19:5-7. Jesus walked and arrived at the tree. He looked up and said, "Zaccheus, come down! I must stay at your house today." Zaccheus quickly came down and gladly welcomed Jesus. All the people saw what happened. They began complaining, "Jesus went to a sinner's house!"

- Did the crowd of people like Zaccheus? Did they think Jesus should love Zaccheus?
- How did Jesus show He cared about Zaccheus?

Luke 19:8-10. Zaccheus stood up and told Jesus, "Lord, look! Right now, half of everything I own, I give away to poor people. If I cheated anyone, I will pay back four times as much." Jesus said, "Today salvation came here. This man, Zaccheus, is also a son of Abraham. The Son of Man came to look-for and save what was lost."

- Jesus showed love for Zaccheus. Why?
- Did Jesus' love change Zaccheus? How do you know?
- How does God want us to think and act for "unlovable" people?