

Readings from Matthew chapter 20—November 14th-20th, 2021

29 Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. 30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" 31 Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" 32 So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" 33 They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." 34 So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Sunday: **Where was Jericho?** **Pray** with Orlando, Fla., RPC for members' rehabilitation and healing after surgery. **Pray** for Anugraha RPC, Bangalore, India. **Pray** for Stornoway RPC (Scotland) and its Shorter Catechism on Thursdays.

Monday: **What were these two blind men confessing by means of their address to Jesus?** **Pray** with Treasure Valley (Boise, Idaho) RP Mission Church for Pastor Ryan Hemphill taking up pastoral work and for God to provide additional income through part-time work. **Pray** for Woodstock RPC (Belfast, Northern Ireland) as it reaches out to its needy community. **Pray** for wisdom for our Synod Judicial Commission as it considers whether to bring charges with regard to the recent scandal.

Tuesday: **What is meant by mercy? What similar terms can you think of?** **Pray** for Dallas, Tex., RPC, that the Lord would grow their people in grace. **Pray** with Glenmanus RPC (Northern Ireland) as it seeks to evangelize its neighborhood. **Pray** for McKinnon RPC (Australia) and its financial needs.

Wednesday: **Were these two men being appropriate by causing this commotion? Please praise the Lord** with Fulton, N.Y., RPC for new visitors and those attending their Bible study, **and pray** that they be led to join their fellowship and make a commitment to membership. **Pray** with the RPC of Australia that the laws of the State of Victoria would honor the Lord and would not be tyrannical or burdensome. **Pray** with Airdrie RPC (Scotland) for the eight girls who attend the online Girls Group.

Thursday: **Why does Jesus ask them what they wanted Him to do for them? Have you been specific in your prayers?** **Pray** for wisdom and insight into church planting, especially in the U.S. Northwest. **Pray** that a new family would be drawn into Frankston RPC (Australia). **Give thanks** with North Edinburgh RPC (Scotland) that a new temporary location has been secured for morning worship; **pray** for a more permanent solution. **Pray** for the many at Glasgow RPC (Scotland) with health issues. **Pray** for the special meetings at Ballyclabber RPC (Northern Ireland) this weekend.

Friday: **Of what is physical blindness a symbol? Give thanks** with Hillside (Almonte, Ont.) RPC for Dustin Bursey's ministry, **and pray** for a generation of more young men feeling the call to pursue the ministry. **Pray** for the members and friends of ARPC who are in need of health, of jobs, and of places to stay. **Pray** for the Sabbath School at Stornoway (Scotland) RPC, that many children would be

brought in.

Saturday: **Read and reflect on these passages: Mark 8:22-26; John 9:1-7. Thank God** with Stillwater, Okla., RPC for new members and for families with new babies to begin sleeping well at night. **Pray** for the young people who attend Bailiesmills Youth Club (Northern Ireland). **Pray** for Atlanta RPC's service tomorrow.

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 100:4-5

*The Invocation

*Psalm 146A

“Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah!”

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 7

*Psalm 69B

“O God, My Foolishness and Sins”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 138B

“With All My Heart My Thanks I’ll Bring”

Scripture Text

Revelation 3:14-22

The Sermon

“Letter to the Church in Laodicea” (Part 2)

*Prayer

*Psalm 119M

“O How I Love Thy Law”

*Benediction

*Psalm 72C [stanzas 11-12]

“Now Blessed Be Our God Alone”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.”—Psalm 19:7. “Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.”—Psalm 119:11. “O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.”—Psalm 119:97.

Q. 46. What is required in the first commandment? A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Q. 90. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation? A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

Q. 91. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation? A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.

Revelation 3:14-22 “Letter to the Church in Laodicea” (Part 2)

Theme: Christ loathes the lukewarm, proud church.

I. Warning (vv. 15-18)

A. Lukewarmness: “I would that you were either cold or hot”

B. Pride: their self-sufficiency; Jesus’ counsel: “buy from Me”

II. Exhortation (v. 19)

A. Zeal

1. “Those whom I Myself love I reprove and discipline”

2. “Be zealous therefore and repent”

a. Repentance—turning from self and sin

b. Zeal

B. Hearing: “He who has an ear, let him hear . . .”

III. Promises (vv. 20-21)

A. Communion

1. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears . . .”
2. “I will come into Him and dine with him and he with Me”

B. Rule

1. Christ Himself
 - a. He met with temptations and conflicts
 - b. He overcame them all the became conqueror
 - c. As the reward of victory, He sat down with the Father in glory
2. Conformed to Christ in trials => conformed to Him in His glory

Application

- A. Have you heard Jesus’ voice and His knocking at your door?
- B. Are you experiencing sweet fellowship with Him now?
- C. Are you overcoming temptation and lukewarmness in your life?
- D. Do you have zeal for the Lord and His kingdom?