

## **Matthew 20:29-34**

### Open Our Eyes

*Through Jericho ...*

#### I. A Crowd of Witnesses

A. Two Couldn't See

B. Many Needed to See

#### II. See Jesus

A. Lord of Mercy

B. Son of David

C. Almighty God

#### III. And Begin to Follow

A. Seeing

B. Believing?

*... with eyes on Jerusalem.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. What was wrong with the two men on the side of the road?
2. What did they want Jesus to do?
3. What did the crowd do when they called out to Jesus?
4. What did Jesus do for them?
5. What did the two men do once Jesus did what they asked?

### **Kyrie Eleison**

I studied Greek, so it is to my embarrassment that for many years I thought the phrase Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy) was Latin. Maybe it is because I have mostly heard it in high church liturgical chants and songs. But the fact of the matter is, in the original of Matthew's Gospel, that is basically the phrase the blind beggars use when they call out to Jesus. When they cry "Lord have mercy," they may not have been using "lord" in the sense of LORD, in other words LORD GOD. But their plea, once we know that Jesus is LORD indeed, believer has all employed at some point. It may not have been used with reference to a physical affliction, but as sinners, seeking the Lord's mercy on our souls was necessary for salvation. We continue to need His continued mercy for sustenance on our journey of faith as we encounter trials and temptations as well as our own indwelling sin.

Once these men literally receive their sight, they follow Jesus. Such is the case for all who have had their spiritual eyes opened as well. When we, along with them, follow Jesus to Jerusalem we will see the full extent of Jesus love for us. This stop along the way provides a vivid reminder of just who this LORD of Mercy really is as He soon moves into the intensity of His passion.