

### "Do You Believe in the Son of Man?"

**Intro:** As we read today, we will find that while the \_\_\_\_\_ leaders of Jerusalem were finished with the man, having determined to have nothing more to do with him, going so far as to \_\_\_\_\_ him access to the place of worship, Jesus on the other hand was not yet finished with him but having granted light to his physical eyes the \_\_\_\_\_ had also determined to \_\_\_\_\_ light to his spiritual eyes (that is, eternal \_\_\_\_\_ to his soul)!

- A. This morning we read of Jesus, and the \_\_\_\_\_ man who sees, and the \_\_\_\_\_ men who are blind.
- I. When \_\_\_\_\_ heard that the Pharisees rejected the healed beggar man, He \_\_\_\_\_ to him.
- A. Jesus came to this man asking "\_\_\_\_\_ in the Son of Man?"
- B. The man "answered and said, 'And \_\_\_\_\_, Lord, that I may believe in Him?'"
- C. Without the least bit of doubt, leaving no room for speculation, Jesus directly told the healed man that He was the Son of Man, the \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. The healed \_\_\_\_\_ responded to Jesus' proclamation by stating that he believed, and he \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
1. Oh church! This is better than the receiving of physical light for this man received everlasting life through faith in Christ Jesus! He truly saw what many seeing men never see: that \_\_\_\_\_ is the Christ, the Light of the world, the Lamb of God who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world!
- II. After dealing with the man, we are told that "Jesus said, '\_\_\_\_\_ I came into this world, ...'"
- A. As John 3:19 says, "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil." Those who \_\_\_\_\_ to humble themselves before Christ receiving Him as Lord have pronounced judgment upon themselves for having seen the Light and rejected Him, they call Him a liar thus bringing themselves under \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost! He came to heal the sick and down trodden, that those who \_\_\_\_\_ have their spiritual sight \_\_\_\_\_ it.

2. But to the contrary, those who are \_\_\_\_\_ to humbly admit their spiritual lostness, sickness and blindness thus, thinking they need no Savior, will not receive Jesus as the Savior He is. Though they are sure they have perfect 20/20 spiritual vision they are \_\_\_\_\_ blinded to the truth of Christ.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ wanted Jesus to confirm that just as they thought, they were not \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Instead Jesus confirmed that they were spiritually blind and in desperate \_\_\_\_\_ of a Savior, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

2. John Calvin wrote that the one who is “\_\_\_\_\_ of his own blindness, \_\_\_\_\_ a remedy to cure his disease. ... If you would acknowledge your disease, it would not be altogether incurable; but now because you think that you are in perfect health, you continue in your desperate state. ... the disease can be easily cured, when it is truly felt; because, when a blind man is desirous to obtain deliverance, \_\_\_\_\_ to assist him; but they who, insensible to their own diseases, despise the grace of God, are incurable.”

**Closing:** And so, let us learn today: Whoever will be like the Pharisees refusing to see their need for a Savior, having rejected Jesus, will be eternally judged and condemned according to their own choice. But whoever will come to Jesus like the blind beggar acknowledging their spiritual blindness, \_\_\_\_\_ their sin, seeking His forgiveness as they \_\_\_\_\_ in Him, will be \_\_\_\_\_ by His good grace.

Since Christ Jesus has come to each of us today through His Word, and since salvation is a matter that also involves our personal response, the question for each one of us is: \_\_\_\_\_ in the Son of Man, that Jesus is the Christ? Will you come to Him in faith believing, worshipping Him? We can only answer this question one of two ways for either we answer like the Pharisees and are judged, or we answer like the blind man and are \_\_\_\_\_. Do you believe in Jesus?

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