

21. Sight

Introduction: The previous story was about some men and some religious leaders who heard that Jesus said he was God's son. They decided to find a way to arrest Him. No matter what Jesus told them about himself, they still did not believe. They wanted to arrest Jesus, but He was always able to evade them. (John 10:36–39)

One day, some parents wanted to bring their children to Jesus so that he would bless them. Jesus' disciples stopped them because they did not want to disturb Jesus. Jesus knew about this, said, "Let the children come to me! Do not stop them, Do you not know? If your heart is not like that of the children when you come to God, you will not have a right relationship with God." (Luke 18:15–17)

Later Jesus called his twelve disciples together and said to them, "We will now go to Jerusalem. When we are there, everything that was spoken by previous messengers about what will happen to me will happen. Someone will turn me over to the soldiers. I will be humiliated by them and be spit in the face by them. They also will whip me and kill me. But on the third day, I will live again." (Luke 18:31–33)

When Jesus said these words his disciples did not understand. (Luke 18:34)

When they went to the city of Jerusalem, there was a blind beggar sitting on the side of the road. When this beggar heard a large crowd passed by, he asked what was going on. Some people told him, "Jesus will pass by here." (Luke 18:35–37)

This beggar heard this news, and shouted, "Jesus, descendant of David, have mercy on me! Jesus, descendant of David, have mercy on me!" (Luke 18:38)

Those who stood in front of this beggar scolded him, asking him not to shout. But instead, he shouted even louder, "Jesus, descendant of David, have mercy on me!" (Luke 18:39)

Jesus stopped. He asked them to bring the beggar to him. When this beggar came in front of Jesus, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" (Luke 18:40)

The beggar answered, "Lord! I want to be able to see!" (Luke 18:41)

Jesus told the beggar, "Alright! Now you can see! It is your faith in me that has healed you." (Luke 18:42)

Immediately the beggar's blind eyes were healed, and he could see. He followed Jesus and all along the way kept praising God. Whoever saw this followed with the beggar, and joined him in praising God. (Luke 18:43)