

## **The Blind Man That Saw It All**

Luke 18:31-43

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Two reasons why Jesus' message was misunderstood then and now.

- They only heard the message of **deliverance**.
- They saw Jesus as their invincible **champion**.

What happens at the crossroads of Human need and divine compassion?

1. Jesus hears our cry of **desperation** (v.35-38)
2. Jesus stops because He has **compassion** (v.40). Let me make a couple of observations that lead to simple applications.
  - a. Jesus has **time for you**.
  - b. We should **take time** for each other.
3. Jesus receives us if we **recognize Him** (v.38-39)
  - a. He believed in Jesus' **divinity**.
  - b. He called to Jesus **relentlessly**. (v.39) "He called out all the more".
4. Jesus saves if the call includes a **confession** (v.41-42). "What do you want me to do for you?"
  - a. He called Him **Lord!**
  - b. He cried for **mercy**.
  - c. He **begged** to see.
5. Jesus changes us from our **previous condition**. (v.43)
  - a. He began to **see**.
  - b. He began to **follow**.
  - c. He began to **glorify** God!
  - d. His healing and change gave others **reasons** to praise God!

Sadly, it is possible to stand at the doorway to heaven and still **die and go to hell**.

Gladly, the doorway to heaven is as near as **your next breath**.

*Romans 10.8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*