

MATTHEW

February 12, 2023

Matthew 20:29-34

READ

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Mark 10:46-52

Luke 18:35-43

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Note the apparent discrepancies in Matthew 20:29-30 & Mark 10:46 & Luke 18:35. Do such apparent discrepancies bother you? What do they mean? How do you sort them out?

2. Why does Mark include the name of one of the blind men . . . and his *father* (Mark 10:46)?

3. Why are the blind men sitting by the road (v. 30)?

Why are they so quick to call out when they hear Jesus of Nazareth is passing by (v. 30)?

What is significant about their plea: "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"?

4. What is suggested by the reaction of the crowd (v. 31a)?

5. What is the impact upon the blind men (v. 31b)?

When have you ever felt that desperate? Have you ever felt that determined?

6. What strikes you about Jesus' question: "What do you want Me to do for you?" (v. 32)?

Is this a blank check? Does it come with caveats?

7. Why ask this question? (Consider Philippians 4:6 & 1 Peter 5:7.)

8. How does Jesus' response to their request/need (v. 34) reflect the purpose for which He came into the world (c.f., v. 28)?

What is behind, or drives, His response to them?

What is their final response to Him (c.f., Luke 18:43)?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will let my requests be made known to God this week by . . .

I will cultivate the Lord's compassion within me this week by . . .