

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

6-28-15 Ken Carlton

**Title: BLINDMAN'S BLUFF**

**Main Text:** Mat 20:29-33

**Sermon Description:** Progress ascending to Jerusalem is halted yet again for a brief six verse record of a profound incident involving one of the last recorded healings during the ministry of Christ. This providential interruption serves to potently illustrate manifold gospel concepts summarized by object lesson in this event. As Jesus' ministry transitions to the latter chapters, two blind men are healed and demonstrate spiritual sight as they join His followers at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. The 'denarius' of revelation they receive in spite of these conditions is every bit as much as Jesus' earliest disciples. The parables come alive in the gospel narrative and this is a brilliant example. We pick up on the account 8 miles west of Jordan, 19 miles north east from Jerusalem, in Jericho, on the path toward the triumphal entry..

**Heading: THE TWO BLIND MEN SERVE TO ILLUSTRATE THESE GOSPEL CONCEPTS**

**1. "THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST"** (Mt 19:30, 20:16)

- a. Rich ruler contrast (19:21-22)
- b. The great servant (20:26-28)
- c. Answered prayer

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**2. "FOLLOW ME"**

- a. Definition
- b. Our rights vs. His mercy
- c. 'Kurios' (Lord) in context

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**3. "EYES TO SEE"**

- a. Messianic context
- b. Triumphal preface (21:9)
- c. Essence of sight (13:13-17)

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**4. 'DRINKING HIS CUP'**

- a. Pattern of sufferings (Acts 21:10-14)
- b. Bearing rebuke
- c. Application

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Close: Psalm 123 provides another Song of Ascent reference fulfilled in Jesus as He goes up to Jerusalem. Let us join the Psalmist and these blind men in our own cry for mercy and deliverance.

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Theme: Blind healed	Theme: Last/first illustrated	Theme: Follow me illustrated	Theme: Eyes to see illustrated	Theme: His cup illustrated	Theme: Song fulfilled
Verses: Mt 20:29-34	Verses: Mt 19:30,20:16	Verses: Mt 19:20-22,29	Verses: Mt 13:13-17	Verses: Acts 21:10-14	Verses: Ps 123

**FURTHER STUDY:** see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at [providencecrosslake.com](http://providencecrosslake.com)

**NEXT WEEK:** Heb 4:14-5:6 (Communion Sunday)