

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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God's Kingdom Hinges on Jesus's Identity as the Suffering King

Luke 18:31-43

NOTES:

Jesus Proclaims the Scope of His Mission to Unseeing Disciples

Luke 18:31 *And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. 33 And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." 34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.*

Isaiah 50:5 *The Lord GOD has opened my ear and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. 6 I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. 7 But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. 8 He who vindicates me is near.*

A Blind Man Appeals to Jesus's Kingly Identity and Divine Authority

Luke 18:35 *As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." 38 And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight."*

The Jericho Crowd Understands That Jesus is God's Approved King

Luke 18:42 *And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." 43 And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.*

Reflect, Discuss, Apply

1. What's your reaction to Jesus's calm explanation of his imminent rejection, suffering, and death in verses 31-33?

2. Initially confused , the apostles later remembered Jesus's words. Why have Christians made this suffering key to establishing Jesus's identity (e.g. Acts 2:23, 3:13-15, 18)?

3. The blind man, desperate to see, refused to be silenced as he called out to the Son of David. What do you falsely believe about Jesus that prevents you from coming to him for your needs?

SONGS

"All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"Adoration"
"Blessed Assurance"

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Weekly Need: \$38,322.00

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YTD General Need: \$498,186

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