

Series: Unexpected Messiah Passage Matthew 20:29-34

Title: Spiritual Sight in a Blind World

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**Discussion Starter** – What additional understanding do you now have in regards to having spiritual sight from what you have learned from this sermon?

## Blindness & Spiritual Blindness (Matthew 20:29-30)

- Read Matthew 20:29-30. What does the story of these two blind men to teach us about spiritual blindness? Read Romans 3:10-11 and 2 Corinthians 4:3-6. How are these verses connected to spiritual blindness?
- How are we born into spiritual blindness? Why do you think God allows us to be born into spiritual blindness?
- How does our own accountability play into our spiritual blindness? Read John 3:18-21. What additional insights do these verses give us on spiritual blindness?
- What does spiritual blindness look like in the church and in the world today?
- What do think we are supposed to learn from this passage about the blind men crying out for mercy from Jesus? Why didn't they just ask Jesus to heal them?

## **Perseverance in Opposition** (Matthew 20:31-34)

- Who was opposing the efforts of these blind men and why? Read James 4:8-10. How is this verse applicable to the situation we see with these two blind men?
- What is the significance of Jesus standing still and calling the blind men? What do we learn about God's heart here?
- Jesus being God already knew what the blind men wanted, what then is the spiritual importance of why Jesus asks them what they wanted from Him? What do you want Jesus to do for you? Read James 4:2-3. How does this passage relate to spiritual blindness? How is it applicable to us?
- Where does our spiritual sight come from and what does it reveal to us? What should our spiritual sight equip us to do?
- Read Mark 10:46-52 and Luke 18:32-43. Compare and contrast the content of these three eye witness versions of this event. How are they the same and what are some of the differences?
- What can we learn from this story in the context of how it relates to the gospel message? Read Romans 10:11-15. What is this passage telling us about how spiritual sight is received in a spiritually blind world?