## Mt.9.27-33a "Miracles of Sight and Sound" Matthew Series: 'THE KING IS COMING' #126 May 9, 2021

As God presented His creation to Adam, it was a kingdom of	<u> </u>
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When Adam sinned, he lost his crown & his **dominion**.

Sin turned man's life into the path to **death**.

God promised He would use man to:

- restore the **kingdom** of earth to its beauty & goodness &
- to restore man himself to his rightful dominion over it.

The O.T. is filled with the Lord's great plan of **redemption** & **restoration**.

Most believers need to say more about the Lord, not less.

Jews knew Him as the Messiah (Gk.- "Christ") - who would establish His kingdom of <u>righteousness</u>; Earth, like heaven, would forever be under the perfect <u>rule</u> of God.

Jesus displayed a series of **glimpses** of the ultimate power He will demonstrate when He establishes

- His thousand-year rule on the present earth &
- then His eternal rule in the new heaven & the new earth.

The miracles of restoring **sight** to blind eyes & **sound** to deaf ears affirms Jesus Messianic power.

- I. HEALING THE TWO BLIND MEN VV.27-32
- 1.) THE **CONDITION** OF THE **MEN** V.27
- 2.) THE CRY OF THE MEN V.27

The two blind men were **crying out** to Jesus knowing He was their only **hope** ...

The right <u>knowledge</u> about Jesus.

Son of David was a royal title - Every Jew recognized it as a confession of belief in His messiahship.

The right <u>attitude</u> toward Jesus.

They came with a right understanding of His **worthiness** & of their **unworthiness**.

The person who comes before God & who:

- mourns over his sin &
- humbly cries out, "God, be merciful to me, the sinner!"
- is justified by the Lord (Lk.18.10–14).

He was the most merciful human being who ever lived. He cared - Jesus cares.

He tested their faith, letting it run to the **extremity** that proved its **sincerity**.

- 3.) THE CONFRONTATION OF THE MEN V.28
- ♣ Because Jesus knew their hearts, He was already aware that their faith in Him was genuine.

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Ro.10.9).

The confession became a **public** testimony to others of what is required for salvation.

- ♣ Their testimony **separated** them from those who expected a merely human deliverer.
- ♣ Their testimony affirmed Jesus' first concern was delivering individuals from their bondage to sin.
  - His healing of diseases was to demonstrate both the <u>compassion</u> & authority as Messiah.

He healed bodies for the infinitely greater purpose of saving souls.

**Faith** is *always* involved in salvation - the blind men confessed their trust for their spiritual restoration.

By leading them to confess Him as **Lord**, Jesus brought them to **conversion**.