

Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31

Matthew 9:27-31
Four Gospel Words
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Main Idea:

Salvation requires that as sinners we understand our need for grace and that we believe in Jesus for it.

Outline:

1. Jesus
2. Mercy
3. Believe
4. Done

One Last Point:

In v.v. 31-32, Jesus tells the men to "let no one know about this!" Because He had already healed extensively in the region, it's unlikely that he was warning the men against revealing that Jesus had healed them, which would have been obvious anyway.

With this in mind, it seems that he was instructing the men to not immediately proclaim publicly that He was the "Son of David," as such talk could have stirred up wrong expectations among the masses who were already expecting a political messiah. It could also have prematurely increased hostility on the part of the religious authorities. In a word, it was not yet time.

Interestingly, the men, overcome by excitement, failed to obey.

With an eye toward application at this point, is it possible for us to disobey the Lord as a result of being caught up in our own zeal? Do you see the importance of listening carefully to His Word?

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 The right understanding of Jesus, including, on this side of the cross, His redemptive work is absolutely essential.

- Why?
- In what ways do some professing believers and ministries fail to carefully explain who Jesus is?
- What facets of His character and of His mission are sometimes left out or not adequately explained?

#2 Is it possible to receive salvation apart from understanding your need for grace and mercy? What are some Scripture passages that speak to this?

#3 Compare today's text to Matthew 9:1-7. What similarities do you find between the paralytic and the two blind men?

GROWING FURTHER - Suggestions for a closer walk:

Working from Scripture, write out the essentials of saving faith. Be sure to incorporate the right understanding of who Jesus is, and of His redemptive work.