

Sermon~ Sunday, August 16, 2020 by Pastor D. Benoit

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Text: Luke 18: 35-43 (Please Read All)

Title: "SOMEBODY Saved Me!"

I did not know *then*, **WHO** it was, *but now I do!* I heard about **HIM**, *but now*, I know **HIM** for myself! They spoke about *the difference and the Joy*, **HE** brings, and right now I can truly say, *it's True; it's Real; HE'S Saves! HE saved Me!*

It started with this *Story*, I heard... **The Gospel** it was called—**Gospel: GOD'S Story**... This *word*, was spelled out to me. They said it was in the Greek language, '**euangelion**'; I couldn't pronounce it, but they told me, it meant, 'a reward for bringing *good-news*'. Only to realize, I became '*the rewarded one*'! **The Gospel is GOD'S Story about HIS LOVE and JESUS CHRIST!** To believe this **Story**, is to be rewarded **Salvation**: the *forgiveness* of *sin(s)*; *healed* of diseases, *physical and spiritual*; *deliverance* from the Enemy; *Eternally saved* from Hell, to Heaven. I know now...

"SOMEBODY Saved Me!"

This message *is The Gospel*... it's what happen to me/you, and, if not, I hope you experience, what we have experienced. You *must!* This message is from **The Gospel** according to Luke, who writes showing, that **GOD includes ALL, Loves ALL, Cares for ALL!**
GOD WILLS, that ALL be saved!

In the text, as Luke records his *carefully researched account from eyewitnesses*, a *blind man*, was *saved by JESUS CHRIST*; while **HE** *passed by*... on **HIS** way, 'nigh Jericho', heading to Jerusalem. As **JESUS** *passed by*, this *blind man*, hears it was **JESUS** *passing by*, and he cried out, "...*have Mercy on Me!*" There was no *merit* on his part; no *trust* in himself; no attempt to hid anything. This *blind man* just cried out, "*Thou Son of David, have Mercy on Me.*"

"SOMEBODY Saved Me!"

***Salvation** is always available. Don't let **JESUS** *pass-by!*

This *blind man*, was awoken to another day, another world of darkness. He got up (surely he prayed); grope around, from usual places: the water pale, the chair where his garment laid; the table where the bread for breakfast was; then his staff at the door. Tap-tap, tap, on his way to his normal spot, clearing his throat, to cry his daily words, 'Alms for the Blind!' 'Alms please, for the Blind!'

But today, the street seems busy; the crowd and voices are larger and bigger, than usually. The *blind man* asked, 'What's happening, and he's told, "**JESUS of Nazareth is passing by.**" The *blind man* instantly though, '**JESUS of Nazareth?**' Oh, I *heard* about **HIM** before! I *heard* so many others *talk of HIM!* And, *most recently*, with all I've been going through, I *heard*, **HE'S** not just JESUS of Nazareth, a great Prophet! **HE is The SON of DAVID, The Promised MESSIAH!** I've *heard* about **HIS** marvelous **WORD'S** and **The WORK'S**, **HE** *does*: *healing the sick and raising the dead*. And, I've *heard* recently, that **HE** *opened the eyes of the blind!!!*
I can't let this opportunity *pass-by*... This *blind man* just cried out, "**Thou Son of David, have Mercy on Me.**" Today is my day for **Salvation!** Not tomorrow, I've been waiting on To-Day!!!

*Salvation is the result of My faith in JESUS CHRIST, The Promised MESSIAH.

The multitude said, "JESUS of Nazareth passeth by." But this *blind man*, cried out, "JESUS, THOU Son of David, have Mercy on Me."

The *blind man* had heard all the public opinions (everybody has a right to their own opinions); the *blind man* had heard arguments, messages of 'he say, they say'; 'Can any good come out of Nazareth?' Someone read to him, the crowds said, "This man surely is the Prophet."

Others said, "HE is The MESSIAH." Still others said, "But HE can't be! Will The MESSIAH come from Galilee? For The SCRIPTURES clearly state that The MESSIAH will be born of the royal line of David, in Bethlehem, the village where King David was born." So, the crowd was divided in their opinion about HIM. (John 7: 40-43)

It stuck in this *blind man's* mind, "I heard it for myself: that the deaf hear, the dumb speak, the lame walk, the dead are raised, and, the eyes of the blind are opened! So, he thought, 'surely, no one could do these things, except GOD be with HIM."

This *blind man* cried out, "THOU Son of David, have Mercy on Me."

*Salvation is My Faith crying out to GOD for HIS Mercy, not my Merit.

This *blind man*, did not cry, 'Why was I born blind?' 'I've lived in the dark all my days and lived the best I could.' 'I go to the synagogue, where the so-called religious go, but they don't help me.' 'I pray and pray.' 'I try everyday and come out here, on this dusty street, trying to make a living, but they, them, these people...' NO, the *blind-beggar man*, who had nothing in himself, but the cry, "THOU Son of David, have Mercy on Me."

*Salvation is the result of Personal Faith in GOD through JESUS CHRIST.

The *blind man* did not cry, "JESUS, Son of David, have Mercy on us." GOD Will' that ALL be Saved; that ALL come to repentance! But Salvation, don't come in 'A Group Plan!'

The *blind man* cried, "THOU Son of David, have Mercy on Me."

*Salvation is My Faith in GOD, overcoming all Hindrances.

When you realized, that *to-day*, is your day for Salvation (not that you have time tomorrow, or, when you get ready); but, *to-day*, I will trust in GOD, no matter what! Like the *blind man*, I will cry out to JESUS in faith (I can't see HIM; I don't know HIM), but I heard, HE was passing-by...

"THOU Son of David, have Mercy on Me." Heck with what the crowd is saying; Heck with protocol; Heck with interruptions to what you others think...

"THOU Son of David, have Mercy on Me."

*Salvation is the result of Specific Faith in JESUS.

JESUS asked the *blind man*, "What will thou that I shall do unto thee?" That was an interesting question to ask a *blind man*. (JESUS do not ask, dumb questions) What is it, that we really want from JESUS? Oh, HE already knows, but do we? How sincere are we? The *blind man* said, "LORD, that I may receive my sight." (Notice, "LORD"! He acknowledged JESUS as LORD! ALL-POWER! ALL-Authority! In Total-Control! JESUS said unto him, "Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee."

("For whosoever shall call upon The Name of The LORD shall be saved." Romans 10: 13)

*Salvation is always Evident, when The Glory goes to GOD.

As soon as *the blind man* gained his sight, **The SCRIPTURES** said, “And immediately he received his sight, and followed **HIM (JESUS), glorifying GOD...**” The mark of *True Faith in JESUS CHRIST* is that the person who is *saved*, gives **Glory to GOD** by *following JESUS* with their *new lives*, leading other *blind ones*, to **JESUS, to GOD, The GIVER of Sight (Life) to The Blind.**

The blind man did not go around telling everyone about *his great faith*. Yes, **JESUS** did say, “...thy faith hath saved thee.” But clearly **JESUS** meant, *the blind man’s faith in JESUS (GOD)* was the *means* through which *Salvation* came to him. It was **GOD’S Power** through **JESUS CHRIST**, that give *the blind man* his sight. **The Power** and **Will** to heal rested completely **with The LORD!**

Faith is just the hand that receives GOD’S Gift of GRACE, and even faith is a Gift from GOD. “For by **GRACE** are ye *saved through faith*; and that not of yourselves: *it is The Gift of GOD: Not* of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2: 8, 9)

No one can boast of *his great faith*. We can only **Glory in GOD WHO** opened our eyes and showed us **HIS Great Mercy!!!**

“SOMEBODY Saved Me!”

There is *no OTHER*, recorded *in SCRIPTURE*, than **JESUS, WHO** opened *blind eyes!!!*
There is *no OTHER*, recorded *in SCRIPTURE*, than **JESUS, WHO** *died*—paying the *Penalty* of our *sin* debt, on Calvary’s Cross; **WHO** was *buried* in the Grave for three days and three night—removing Eternal condemnation and the *Power of sin* over believers *in CHRIST*; **WHO** rose from the Dead, granting **ETERNAL Life** to ALL *in JESUS CHRIST*—Coming Again to remove us from the *Presence of sin!!!*

“SOMEBODY Saved Me!”

SOMEBODY Saved Me!

SOMEBODY *sought Me*, when I was wandering, out in the desert, laden with *sin*.

SOMEBODY *sought Me* and with Compassion, oh to be gently saved from within.

SOMEBODY *heard* when I was praying...

SOMEBODY *answered Me*, while passing by...

SOMEBODY *told Me*, be not discouraged...

SOMEBODY *gave Me*, courage to try...

SOMEBODY *sought to help Me*, when I was tempted...

SOMEBODY *showed Me*, errors of sin...

SOMEBODY *helped Me*, when I was stumbling...

SOMEBODY *gave Me*, something within!

SOMEBODY Saved Me, when I was sinking. **SOMEBODY** *rescued my soul* from the grave.

SOMEBODY *folded Me* close to **HIS Bosom**. Oh, it was **JESUS, Mighty to Save!**

SOMEBODY Saved Me! (SOMEBODY Saved Me!)

When I was sinking (When I was sinking)

SOMEBODY *rescued (SOMEBODY rescued)* my soul from the grave. (my soul from the grave)

SOMEBODY *folded (SOMEBODY folded)* Me close to **HIS Bosom**

Oh; Oh it was **JESUS** (Oh it was **JESUS**; Oh it was **JESUS**; Oh it was **JESUS**)

MIGHTY; MIGHTY, MIGHTY, MIGHTY;

MIGHTY to Save!

Oh, it was **JESUS, The Only ONE, WHO Saves!!!**

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