
Power over Sickness

Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

1. Read the three passages, what are some of the differences? Similarities? How does this demonstrate accuracy of the accounts?
2. What is the purpose of the passage? Why did God choose to incorporate this story into three of the Gospel narratives?
3. When the crowds told the blind men to be quiet they called out all the more for Jesus to have mercy on them. How does their cry, "Son of David have mercy on me." Demonstrate some knowledge of who Jesus is, and their faith?
4. All three of the Gospels that mention this account end with these men following Jesus. The correct response to seeing Jesus power in our lives is always to follow Him. Read Luke 17:11-19. How is the response of 9 of the 10 lepers drastically different? How is the response of 1 of them the same?
5. Why do you think that Jesus asked the men, "What do you want me to do?"
6. If Jesus has power over sickness to heal, why does He allow so much suffering and sickness in this world today to go uncured?
7. If sickness is the result of sin, is sickness the result of an individual's sin? If I am sick, am I being punished? Read John 9:1-7. Does this passage help us to understand the relationship between sickness and sin?