**Jesus Had Compassion On Them**

**Scripture:**[Matthew 20:29-34](https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-matthew-20-29-34?keyword=Matthew+20%3A29-34). As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.” Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

In a society where more and more people are becoming more individualistic, I wonder how many lives have been affected negatively with the words, WHO CARES? Especially after Covid-19, where we were taught to keep a distance of 6 feet from each other. Have you ever wandered what will the effect of these principles be on our society?

In our passage today, we see Jesus, healing two blind men whom he did not necessarily have to heal. The story tells us that he was followed by a large crowd. He was most likely tired since it was the end of the day. He probably had taught and performed miracles all day long while scolding the pharisees for their false teachings. He had every right to ignore them. But in vs. 34 it says Jesus had compassion on the two blind men.

What does it mean to have compassion? Many times, we sympathize with people. Sympathy requires only a feeling. But compassion involves more than just feeling bad about someone.

In order to show compassion, we must see a need. It is possible that we might have developed the art of looking without seeing. In order to see a need, we must look beyond the exterior of a person! In order to show compassion, we must care. We are called to serve in His Kingdom. God’s people must care! Paul was concerned over the people of his day! “In the presence of Christ, I speak with utter truthfulness -- I do not lie -- and my conscience and the Holy Spirit confirm that what I am saying is true. My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief for my people, my brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed -- cut off from Christ! -- if that would save them.” Rom. 9:1-3. How many of us today, can say what Paul is saying in these verses? Jesus, demonstrated His concern constantly. “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Matthew 9:36.

It is a good thing to sympathize. But Sympathy by itself does not accomplish anything. In the Armenian translation it says, “His compassion moved.” In order to show compassion, one must do something. True compassion requires action. Sympathy is about feeling, compassion is about doing.

There are many spiritually blind people around us today that do not even know that they are blind. Will you have compassion on them today? And do something. Because without compassion, those people will be lost in the darkness of their blindness forever.