

Matthew 9:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

Analysis

The two blind men's cry 'Thou son of David, have mercy on us' uses the messianic title 'son of David,' showing they recognized Jesus' identity despite physical blindness. Their pursuit—following Him 'crying'—demonstrates persistent faith. Their repeated plea for mercy shows understanding that healing is grace, not entitlement. Physical blindness didn't prevent spiritual insight into Jesus' identity.

Historical Context

The title 'son of David' identified Jesus as the prophesied Messiah from David's line who would restore Israel. The blind calling Jesus this title while the seeing Pharisees rejected Him ironically demonstrates spiritual blindness among the religious leaders versus faith among the outcast.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the blind men's persistence in seeking Jesus challenge your prayer life?
2. What spiritual blindness might be hindering your recognition of Jesus?

Interlinear Text

καὶ παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ
And **departed** **thence** G2532 **when Jesus** **followed** **him**
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δύο τυφλοὶ κρίζοντες καὶ λέγοντες Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς
two **blind men** **crying** **And** **saying** **have mercy** **on us**
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υἱὲ Δαβίδ
Thou Son **of David**
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 15:22 (Grace): And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

Matthew 11:5 (Parallel theme): The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Matthew 17:15 (Grace): Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

Mark 11:10 (References David): Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Mark 9:22 (Parallel theme): And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

John 7:42 (References David): Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

Luke 7:21 (Parallel theme): And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

Matthew 21:9 (References David): And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Matthew 1:1 (References Jesus): The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matthew 21:15 (References David): And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,