



## **Christ's Death and a Blind Beggar**

**Luke 18:31-43**

### **Something to Start Us Off**

- If you had to narrow it down to one thing, what was it that made you follow Jesus?

### **Something to Notice**

- Who did Jesus say wrote about the things that would happen to him? (v.31)
- How did the disciples react to what he said? (v.34)
- What title did the blind beggar use for Jesus? (v.38-39)

### **Something to Understand**

See Matthew 15:21-22 and Matthew 21:8-10 for two other cases where people refer to Jesus in the same way. The significance goes back to Nathan's prophecy to David in 2 Samuel 7:12-17.

By the way, in Matthew 20:29-34, we get what seems to be the same story that we have here. Matthew, however, indicates that there were *two* blind men instead of one.

- Why do you suppose the disciples had such a hard time understanding when Jesus talked about his upcoming death and resurrection?
- According to Jesus, what role did the blind man's faith play in his healing? In what ways do you think that might also make a difference today?
- How did the (formerly) blind man and the people around him all respond after he was healed? Again, do you think we can learn something from their example?

### **Something to Take Home**

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 18, how does following Jesus today compare with following him during the time of his earthly ministry?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 18:31-43 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?