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LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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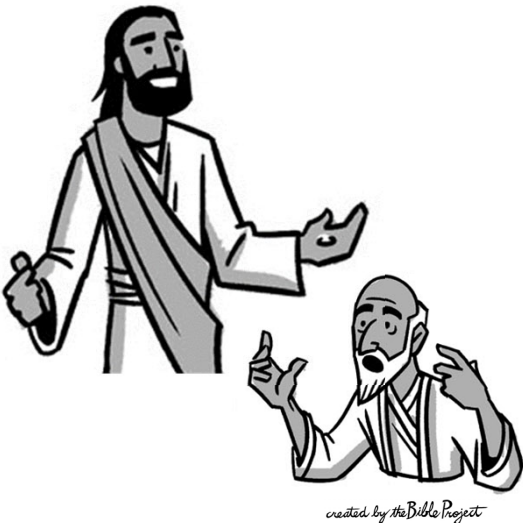


Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson

**What famous phrase
is attributed to him?**

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JESUS

SON OF DAVID

HAVE MERCY ON ME!

Luke 18:35-43

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Have Mercy on Me Luke 18:35-43

³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸ He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

³⁹ Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

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Have Mercy on Me

Luke 18:35-43

⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. ⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." ⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

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THE SETTING

Luke 18:35

³⁵ As Jesus approached **Jericho**, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.



- **Jericho**
 - 800 ft below sea level
 - 6 miles west of the Jordan river
 - 18 miles east-northeast of Jerusalem
- **Jerusalem**
 - 2,500 ft above sea level

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THE SITUATION

Luke 18:36-37

³⁶ When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, **"Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."**

The crowd described Jesus as a Nazarean.

What's significant about that description?

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THE CONFESSION

Luke 18:38

³⁸ He called out, **"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"**

The blind man referred to Jesus very differently.

What's significant about his description of Jesus?

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THE 1ST APPEAL

Luke 18:38a

³⁸ He called out, "Jesus, Son of David,
have mercy on me!"

Why does the blind man plead
with Jesus for mercy?

He knows that only Jesus
can meet his need.

THE REBUKE

Luke 18:38b

³⁸... Those who led the way rebuked him
and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all
the more, "Son of David, have mercy on
me!"

How did the crowd respond to
the blind man's confession?

THE 2ND APPEAL

Luke 18:38c

38... Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, **but he shouted all the more**, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

But the blind man would not be silenced in his appeal for mercy and he shouts even louder!

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THE PAUSE

Luke 18:40a

40 **Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him.**

Can you think of any other events in Luke where Jesus stopped when others rebuked?

Jesus always has time for compassion, even when He was hanging on the cross!

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THE REQUEST

Luke 18:40-41

⁴⁰... When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied.

Jesus asks a simple question and the blind man gives a simple response.

What's significant about the blind man's request?

THE PRAISE

Luke 18:42

⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

Jesus responded by meeting the man's physical and spiritual needs.

The man's faith saved him, and light now exists where darkness previously reigned!

THE PRAISE

Luke 18:43

⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

The healing is instantaneous as was the praise, first from the man then from the crowd.

Jesus' act of compassion toward the blind man elicits a flood of praise to God, even as Jesus nears his tragic fate in Jerusalem.



DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- This is the first directly messianic confession of Jesus.
- This is also the final miracle recorded in Luke's gospel.
- The poor, begging blind man ended up with everything.
- The wealthy, rich young ruler ended up with nothing.
- The rich man walked away lost and distraught.
- The blind man walked away saved and praising God.
- Which one is truly rich? Which one was truly blind?