

Matt 9:27-29, "Sight For the Blind" by Rev. Paul Hudson

The Miracles of Jesus in Matthew Summary, Sermon Notes Handout, Daily Devotional, Study Questions, & Crossword, 10/4/26

Summary

Big Idea

Jesus opens blind eyes by mercy, teaching us to hear his voice and walk by faith until we see God face to face.

Jesus' miracles are glimpses of heaven: humanity and creation restored to peaceful relationship with God through Christ, with God's goodness available now through the Holy Spirit. In Matthew 9, blind men hear Jesus, follow him, and cry, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." Their path to healing begins not with sight, but with faith born from hearing Christ's voice.

Indoors Jesus tests their faith, and their "Yes, Lord" leads to restored sight. All people are blind through sin, yet Jesus is the great light who leads us from darkness. This healing also points forward: heaven's eyes will see God face to face with perfect clarity. Until then, the church lives as people shown mercy, helping others hear, follow, and receive Jesus' mercy.

Keys and Themes

1. Miracles Glimpse Heaven

Jesus' miracles show more than divine authority; they reveal the kingdom's complete healing and restoration. That future hope also reaches into the present through the Holy Spirit.

2. Faith Begins With Hearing

The blind men followed Jesus by hearing him, not by seeing him. Faith comes through hearing the Word of God, and the Shepherd's voice guides his sheep.

3. Blind Yet Seeing

Calling Jesus "Son of David," the men confessed him as Messiah despite physical blindness. Unlike the Pharisees, they had spiritual eyes to recognize Christ's light.

4. Mercy Leads From Darkness

Jesus asked, "Do you believe?" and answered their faith with sight. When believers stumble into dark places, his mercy calls, lifts, and leads them back into light.

5. Heaven Will Give Clear Sight

Restored eyes anticipate seeing God face to face in the future kingdom. There will be no shroud, shame, false gods, uncertain future, or darkness to trip us.

Sermon Notes Handout

Sermon Title: Sight For the Blind | **Scripture:** Matt 9:27-29

Point 1: A Glimpse of Heaven

Fill in the blank: The kingdom of heaven is complete healing and _____.

Question: What does Christ's kingdom restore?

Notes:

Point 2: Blind Men Hear

Fill in the blank: Their path to healing and wholeness began with _____.

Question: Whose voice are you following?

Notes:

Point 3: Jesus Tests Faith

Fill in the blank: Faith grows from listening to the voice of _____.

Question: Do you believe Jesus is able?

Notes:

Point 4: Hope of Heaven

Fill in the blank: The heavenly kingdom will give us heavenly _____.

Question: What future clarity gives hope?

Notes:

Point 5: Opened Eyes Are Sent

Fill in the blank: Live as people who have seen the _____.

Question: Who needs help seeing Jesus?

Notes:

Reflection Question: Where have your eyes led you instead of your ears hearing the Word of God?

Next Step: Read Matthew 9:27-29 and ask Jesus to open your eyes to his path.

Family Discussion Question: How can our family help one another hear and follow Jesus' voice?

Daily Devotional

Sunday — Glimpses of Heaven

Scripture: Matthew 9:27-29

Jesus' miracles are not merely displays of authority. They give a glimpse of heaven: humanity and creation restored to full, peaceful relationship with God through Christ. The healing of these blind men shows that the kingdom includes real restoration. Yet this hope is not only future. Through the Holy Spirit, the fullness of God's goodness and presence is available in the here and now. Let this miracle lift your eyes beyond shallow pictures of heaven and toward Christ's restoring kingdom.

Reflect Questions:

1. *How does this miracle reshape your picture of heaven?*
 2. *Where do you need God's restoring goodness today?*
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Monday — Led by the Shepherd's Voice

Scripture: Matthew 9:27; John 10:27; Romans 10:17

The blind men followed Jesus because they heard him. Their discipleship began with hearing, not sight. Jesus says his sheep listen to his voice and follow him; faith comes from hearing the Word of God. Looks can deceive, even false shepherds can disguise themselves, but Christ's sheep learn their Shepherd's voice. The Bible is the voice of the Shepherd. As you familiarize yourself with the Word and put it into practice, you grow able to recognize the One you cannot see.

Reflect Questions:

1. *What Scripture is training you to recognize Jesus' voice?*
 2. *Where do appearances compete with God's Word?*
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Tuesday — Eyes That See the Messiah

Scripture: Matthew 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:7

The men cried, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" Though physically blind, they recognized Jesus as the Messiah King. They were in darkness, yet they saw the light of Jesus and walked toward that light. The Pharisees could see Jesus' works with their eyes, yet refused to believe. This is the contrast: eyes may function while the heart remains blind. We are not created to be led by sight. We walk by faith, not by sight, trusting the light of Christ.

Reflect Questions:

1. *Do you recognize Jesus beyond what your eyes can prove?*
2. *What false light could lead you astray?*

Wednesday — Keep Calling From Darkness

Scripture: Matthew 9:28-29; Micah 7:7-9

Jesus brought the blind men into a private hearing and asked, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” Their answer was simple: “Yes, Lord.” Jesus restored their sight according to their faith. We all know what it is to stumble, drift into dark places, and lose clarity. But the sermon’s encouragement is direct: call out to Jesus; do not stop calling out. His mercy follows, picks us up, and leads us back into his light. Our case, cause, righteousness, and light is Jesus.

Reflect Questions:

1. What darkness do you need to name before Jesus?
 2. Will you keep calling to him today?
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Thursday — Heavenly Eyes

Scripture: Matthew 9:29; John 1:18

The blind men’s restored sight points beyond itself to the future kingdom. There our bodies will function as designed, and we will see God face to face. The veil will be removed, uncertainty will end, and God’s clear light will leave no darkness to trip us up. Heaven’s eyes will see God’s unmatched beauty, wisdom, holiness, joy, peace, righteousness, and justice. Right now our sight is dim, but Christ has made the Father known. Keep walking toward the day of perfect clarity.

Reflect Questions:

1. Which future uncertainty do you place before God?
 2. How does seeing God face to face encourage you?
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Friday — Following Beyond the Crowd

Scripture: Matthew 9:27-28

The blind men did not merely call out once as Jesus passed by. They followed him until he went indoors, and then they came to him there. Their movement shows determined dependence on Jesus’ mercy. They had no sight to map their route, but they kept pursuing the voice and presence of Christ. When the path feels unknown, faith does not require seeing every step ahead. It keeps following Jesus into the place where he meets, questions, and receives those who seek him.

Reflect Questions:

1. Where have you stopped following Jesus too quickly?
2. What faithful next step can you take?

Saturday — Mercy That Comes Near

Scripture: Matthew 9:27-29

The men asked Jesus for mercy, and Jesus did not remain distant. He spoke with them, received their confession, touched their eyes, and restored their sight. This scene shows the King who opens blind eyes. Christ's mercy is not indifferent to people in darkness; it brings them into his light. As one who has received mercy, resist staying turned inward. The church represents those whose eyes have been opened by Jesus and who are sent to help others hear, follow, and receive his mercy.

Reflect Questions:

- 1. How has Jesus shown mercy in your darkness?*
- 2. Who can you move toward with Christ's mercy?*

Study Questions

Read Matt 9:27-29 and listen to the sermon "Sight For the Blind" (10/4/26)

Observation

- 1) What did the two blind men call Jesus as they followed him?
- 2) Where did Jesus question the blind men about their belief?
- 3) What question did Jesus ask before touching their eyes?
- 4) What sequence did the sermon identify in the blind men's encounter?

Interpretation

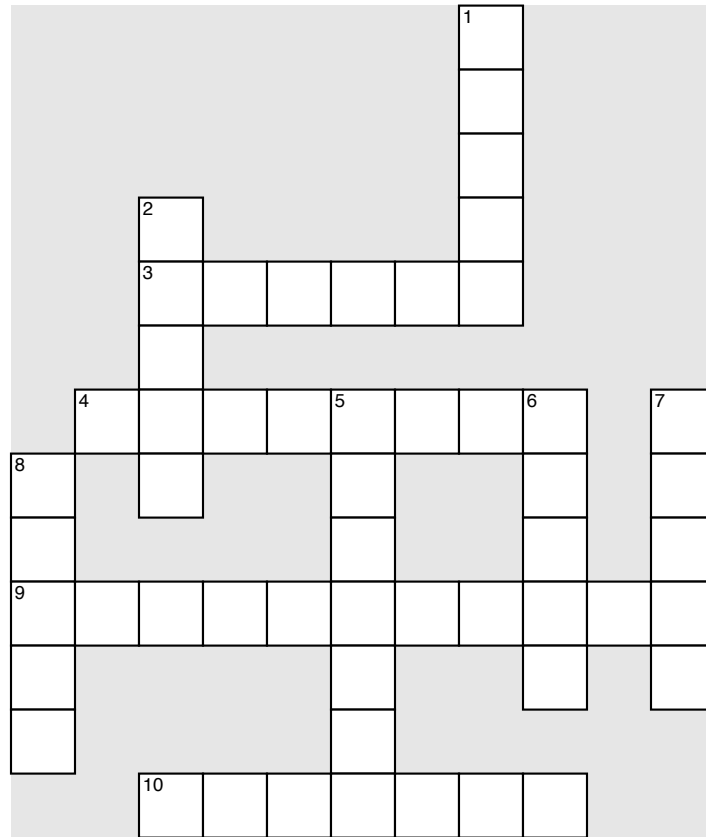
- 1) Why does the sermon say faith begins with hearing Jesus?
- 2) How is "Son of David" a Messianic confession in this passage?
- 3) Why can seeing eyes still be blind, according to the sermon?
- 4) How does restored sight point toward the future kingdom?

Application

- 1) How can you tune your ears to Christ's voice this week?
- 2) Where have you been led by sight rather than God's Word?
- 3) What dark place should you keep calling out to Jesus from?
- 4) Who near you needs help hearing and following Jesus?

Crossword Puzzle

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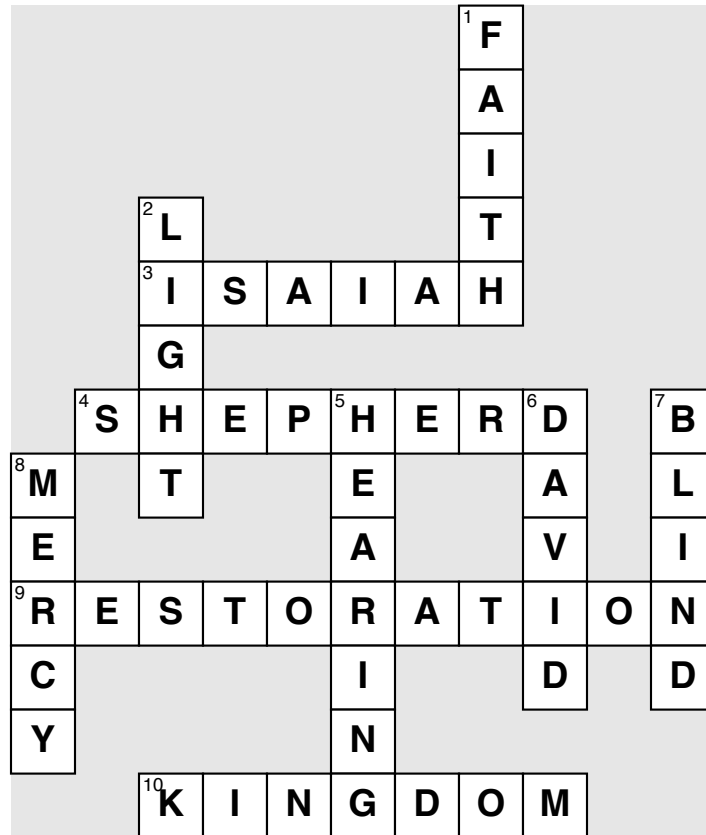
3. Prophet describing people seeing without perceiving
4. Whose voice guides the sheep
9. Complete healing promised in Christ's kingdom
10. Future restoration revealed in miracles

Down

1. The basis Jesus named for their healing
2. What Jesus brings into spiritual darkness
5. Where faith begins, according to the sermon
6. Royal title in the men's confession
7. Physical condition of the two men
8. What the men cried out for

Crossword Answer Key

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Across Answers

- 3. ISAIAH
- 4. SHEPHERD
- 9. RESTORATION
- 10. KINGDOM

Down Answers

- 1. FAITH
- 2. LIGHT
- 5. HEARING
- 6. DAVID
- 7. BLIND
- 8. MERCY