

## Book Study – Matthew 20:17 - 34

### Jesus Again “Predicts” His Death – A Mother’s Request – Two Blind Men Receive Sight



#### Before We Begin Our Journey...

1. What funeral/burial arrangements do you want for yourself?
2. When do you feel safe enough to confide in a person?
3. What are the pluses and minuses of ambition? What one miracle do you wish God would do for you?



#### Do Some Digging and Pre-planning...

4. Who was traveling with Jesus at this time? ([20:17](#))
5. Where was Christ going when He spoke of His death for the third time? Why? ([20:17-18](#))
6. What did Jesus say the chief priests and teachers of the law would ultimately do? ([20:18](#))
7. Who came to Jesus? Why? ([20:20](#)) What curious question did Jesus ask James and John? ([20:22](#))
8. What was the reaction of the other disciples to this whole dialogue? ([20:24](#))
9. What did the people sitting by the roadside do when they heard Jesus was nearby? ([20:30](#))
10. What was the crowd’s reaction to the scene that developed? How did the crowd’s words affect the two blind men? ([20:31](#))



#### Sort, Organize, Gain Understanding...

11. Why is the death of Christ significant to us? To you?
12. When does honorable ambition become dishonorable?
13. Who among the people in your church do you think will receive the greatest rewards in heaven?
14. In what ways have people tried to discourage you from seeking Jesus or praying in a certain way?
15. How does it test our faith to hear others doubt God?



#### Application for the Journey...

16. What can you do to say thank you to Christ for suffering for you?
17. What is one specific way you could build unity among your circle of Christian friends this week?
18. What step of trust in God do you need to take today regardless of how foolish others might think it to be?

*A prayer for your journey... “Lord Jesus, as I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping into the unknown, untried, and untested areas of my life.”*  
-Amen



#### Direction Finder...

“Penny for your thoughts...”

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