
Some thoughts to take with you *Seeing is Believing*

If you plan to build a tall house of virtues, you must first lay deep foundations of humility.

Augustine

Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

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Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.

Oswald Chambers

Faith is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted in spite of your changing moods.

C.S. Lewis

Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing yet had been done.

C.S. Lewis

Without Christ, not one step; with Him, anywhere!

David Livingstone

If we cannot believe God when circumstances seem be against us, we do not believe Him at all.

C.H. Spurgeon

When you have no helpers, see your helpers in God. When you have many helpers, see God in all your helpers. When you have nothing but God, see all in God. When you have everything, see God in everything. Under all conditions, stay thy heart only on the Lord.

C.H. Spurgeon

I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God: first, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done.

Hudson Taylor

Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.

William Carey

Faith, as Paul saw it, was a living, flaming thing leading to surrender and obedience to the commandments of Christ.

William Carey



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The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *The disciples thought Jesus would make war against:*

- A. the Romans.
- B. the Greeks.
- C. the dragons.
- D. all of the above.

2. *The blind beggar believed that:*

- A. Jesus was the Messiah.
- B. the Messiah could make his blind eyes see again.
- C. Jesus was his only chance to see again.
- D. all of the above.

3. *In this sermon we learned that:*

- A. those who believe in Jesus are the ones who really see.
- B. beggars shouldn't bother other people.
- C. Jesus didn't know He was going to die.
- D. all of the above

For Family Discussion: What things might we believe that are actually keeping us from "seeing" Jesus clearly?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

BEGGAR _____	TOTAL: _____
DISCIPLES _____	_____
CROSS _____	_____
KINGDOM _____	_____
JESUS _____	_____
SIGHT _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

BEGGAR CROWD DISCIPLES BLIND SIGHTED KINGDOM CROSS
 GENTILES JERUSALEM MOCK SPIT KILL THIRD GRAVE OPEN
 HIDDEN UNDERSTANDING NAZARETH MERCY DAVID MESSIAH
 FAITH HEALING JERICHO AMAZING INCREDIBLE GIANTS DODGERS

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K N G H T R U H U K S C S U C E D
E I P I M I T F N X R R E W M V A
G W N N A E P B D H E O L L E A V
K N E G R N L S E B G W I L B R I
D P I A D I T A R E D D T I M G D
O R Z Z N O L S S W O L N K E R I
V A I D A I M Q T U D C E B S O F
N K F H N M Z Q A N R D G O S V E
O J P G T T A R N E F E T O I S K
S E L P I C S I D A A S J R A V T
O H C I R E J I I E R P A M H D S
S S O R C B B T N S I G H T E D X
K C O M Y L H M G O G M E R C Y C
H N D J E P R Y S E U U T V U W G
G D H X S R G R B U S H I D D E N

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