

THE MERCIFUL CHRIST

1. **JESUS AGAIN TELLS OF HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION**

A. LUKE 18: ³¹JESUS TOOK THE TWELVE ASIDE AND TOLD THEM, "WE ARE GOING UP TO JERUSALEM, AND EVERYTHING THAT IS WRITTEN BY THE PROPHETS ABOUT THE SON OF MAN WILL BE FULFILLED. ³²HE WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE GENTILES. THEY WILL MOCK HIM, INSULT HIM, SPIT ON HIM, FLOG HIM AND KILL HIM. ³³ON THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RISE AGAIN."

2. **THE BLIND DISCIPLES**

A. LUKE 18: ³⁴THE DISCIPLES DID NOT UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS. ITS MEANING WAS HIDDEN FROM THEM, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

3. **THE BLIND MAN BESIDE THE ROAD**

A. LUKE 18: ³⁵AS JESUS APPROACHED JERICHO, A BLIND MAN WAS SITTING BY THE ROADSIDE BEGGING. ³⁶WHEN HE HEARD THE CROWD GOING BY, HE ASKED WHAT WAS HAPPENING. ³⁷THEY TOLD HIM, "JESUS OF NAZARETH IS PASSING BY." ³⁸HE CALLED OUT, "JESUS, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME!" ³⁹THOSE 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!" ⁴⁰JESUS 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. ⁴²JESUS SAID TO HIM, "RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT; YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU." ⁴³IMMEDIATELY HE RECEIVED HIS SIGHT AND FOLLOWED JESUS, PRAISING GOD. WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE SAW IT, THEY ALSO PRAISED GOD.

4. **MERCY - GODS' DIVINE CHARACTER**

A. TO ALL CREATION

I. **PSALM 145:9** THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL; HE HAS COMPASSION ON ALL HE HAS MADE.

II. **ACTS 17:25** AND HE IS NOT SERVED BY HUMAN HANDS, AS IF HE NEEDED ANYTHING, BECAUSE HE HIMSELF GIVES ALL MEN LIFE AND BREATH AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

III. **PSALM 136:1** GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD.

(1) BUT EXERCISE OF HIS MERCY IS BASED ON HIS RIGHTEOUS WILL

(A) **PSALM 116:5** THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND RIGHTEOUS; OUR GOD IS

FULL OF COMPASSION.

(B) **ROMANS 9:15** FOR HE SAYS TO MOSES, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION."

B. WILL NOT EXTEND TO THOSE WHO REJECT JESUS THE CHRIST

I. **LUKE 13:3** I TELL YOU, NO! BUT UNLESS YOU REPENT, YOU TOO WILL ALL PERISH.

II. **ROMANS 3:8** WHY NOT SAY--AS WE ARE BEING SLANDEROUSLY REPORTED AS SAYING AND AS SOME CLAIM THAT WE SAY--"LET US DO EVIL THAT GOOD MAY RESULT"? THEIR CONDEMNATION IS DESERVED.

C. BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR

I. **PSALM 57:10** FOR GREAT IS YOUR LOVE, REACHING TO THE HEAVENS; YOUR FAITHFULNESS REACHES TO THE SKIES.

II. **PSALM 103:11** FOR AS HIGH AS THE HEAVENS ARE ABOVE THE EARTH, SO GREAT IS HIS LOVE FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM;

III. **ROMANS 9:23** WHAT IF HE DID THIS TO MAKE THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY KNOWN TO THE OBJECTS OF HIS MERCY, WHOM HE PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR GLORY--

IV. **2 COR. 1:3** PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER OF COMPASSION AND THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT,

V. **EPHESIANS. 2:4-5** BUT BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US, GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, ⁵MADE US ALIVE WITH CHRIST EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN TRANSGRESSIONS--IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED.

VI. **TITUS 3:5** HE SAVED US, NOT BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUS THINGS WE HAD DONE, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS MERCY. HE SAVED US THROUGH THE WASHING OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,

VII. **1 PETER 1:3** PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! IN HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD,

His love endures forever.