

appnotes



DAY 1

READ JOHN 10:22-39

Even while Jesus walked the earth, there was confusion about who He was. In this account we read that the crowd was divided, that wanted to know who Jesus was. Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me...” During His three years of public ministry Jesus performed many miracles—all of which were done to validate His claim to be the Son of God, the promised Messiah. As Jesus speaks with the crowd He is essentially telling them, you don’t have to like me, agree with me, or even believe what I am saying...simply believe the work that’s being done before your eyes. Will you believe the evidence of life change all around you or does your heart remain unconvinced?

DAY 2

READ MARK 10:46-52

The irony of blind Bartimaeus was that he was perhaps the only one in the crowd with real sight. Though he was physically blind to the world around him, Bartimaeus wasn’t blind to the identity of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of David. Don’t confuse physical sight with insight. We may think something is as clear as day but lack the intuition to know the truth. Bartimaeus had the sight that mattered most and it was his act of belief that made him well. What sight are you trusting in today?

DAY 3

READ MARK 3:1-5

Talk about hard-hearted. Here is a group of people waiting to ambush Jesus for an act of compassion. If you ever find yourself wondering if you fit the category of hard-hearted or stubborn here are a few questions to ask yourself: Do I value my tradition and comfort over the well-being of those who are in need? Am I celebrating what God celebrates? Am I consistently grateful for the work that God has done in my life or do I forget that I am in constant need of His love and mercy?

DAY 4

READ NUMBERS 22:21-36

The account of Balaam and his donkey should stop us right in our tracks, pun intended. Balaam was a prophet who was enlisted by the Moabites to curse the people of Israel. On his way God stepped in and told Balaam that he must abandon his mission. In his stubbornness Balaam kept on course. While on route Balaam’s donkey began acting strangely and stalling. Balaam, flustered and in a hurry, beat the animal until the donkey literally spoke up. What a picture! Balaam, supposedly a wise prophet was too hard-hearted to listen to God and do what He said. Yet a dumb animal could see God at work and acted in obedience. God uses the foolish to shame the wise. Which one are you? (1 Corinthians 1:27-31)

DAY 5

READ MARK 10:13-16

Children are just fun to be around. They have a joy and energy that is contagious. One of the greatest things about kids is their ability to trust you at your word. They aren’t proud or disillusioned with the world around them. As Jesus rebukes the disciples for turning away children He leverages the opportunity to teach each of us that real faith isn’t argumentative and pretentious. It’s simple and child-like. How is your heart? As you approach Jesus can you do it with the open mind of a child or are you putting up barriers to belief?

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