

Meditation 2014-03-02
Quinquagesima Sunday
Meditation Theme: “Do I really Want To See?”

Place yourself in the presence of Jesus Christ. Make sure He knows that every thought, action, and experience of today is dedicated exclusively to Him.

The Scenario: From the Gospel of today’s Mass

AT that time, Jesus took unto him the twelve, and said to them: Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things shall be accomplished which were written by the prophets concerning the Son of man. For He shall be delivered to the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and scourged, and spit upon: And after they have scourged Him, they will put him to death; and the third day He shall rise again. And they understood none of these things, and this word was hid from them, and they understood not the things that were said. Now it came to pass, when he drew nigh to Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the way side, begging. And when he heard the multitude passing by, he asked what this meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying: Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me. And they that went before, rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out much more: Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus standing, commanded him to be brought unto him. And when he was come near, he asked him, saying: What wilt thou that I do to thee? But he said: Lord, that I may see. And Jesus said to him: Receive thy sight: thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he saw, and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Point 1. – Jesus tells His disciples exactly what will happen to Him, and how it was predicted by the Prophets

Point 2. – Jesus, after the man born blind petitions Him, grants vision to him who has never had the capacity.

Point 3. – The man born blind has never been able to see. Jesus gives him a gift, freely

Meditation: What is really the gift of “sight?” Can I see? Is the Gospel speaking only about physical vision? Does God ever do anything with only a single purpose? Of all the miracles which could have been related in the Gospel, why did Saint Luke choose this one to tell us? Might a second, and possibly even more applicable, understanding be there as well?

What “sight” does the Gospel refer to? The story speaks of physical sight, but could it also apply to Spiritual Sight. How many of us are born without spiritual sight? What does spiritual blindness entail? How does it get fixed? Where does the remedy come from? Can it only come from God? Can I become spiritually enlightened all on my own? Or do I, like the man born blind, have to ask for it? Will I need to ask for it? Will God give it to me without my asking?

What can I expect Spiritual Sight to be like? How much will it allow me to see? Will I be able to see everything? Most things? Only a little? Who might help me to see more clearly? Does it make it easier if I ask for it? Do I have to be convinced that I really want it? Do I need strength just to ask?

Colloquy: Take a minute or two to converse with God, in any of His three Persons, or the Triune God complete in Himself. Tell Him what you have learned from your meditation, and thank Him for it.

Hold the Gain: Consider what you can do to keep the fruits of your meditation. Try to plan how you can think of them through the day, and through the days ahead. Come up with ways you can apply your conclusions to what you do in your everyday life, conversations you engage in, the choice of what movie to watch, what books you choose to read.