

Matthew 20: 29-34

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

Jesus and the Apostles now depart Jericho and walk toward Bethphage and Jerusalem

- Jericho – is one of the most ancient inhabited cities on earth. It's history stretches back for perhaps 11,000 years.
- It sits near the Jordan river's entrance into the Dead Sea, which is the lowest point on the surface of the earth which is not at the bottom of an ocean (Dead Sea = 1,407 feet below sea level. Jericho = 825 feet below sea level.
- Jericho is near the bottom of the Great Rift Valley which stretches from Africa to Russia. To its west lie the Judean hills and Jerusalem, .
- It is fourteen miles from Jericho to Jerusalem with a climb of over 3000 feet.

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- Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.
(This is the basis of the Jesus prayer.)
- Ironically contemporary: The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent. (They can't believe in him yet they can't leave him alone.)
- The two blind men cry out all the more!

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- Define pity: the feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering and misfortunes of others.

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- What are examples of events where Jesus was similarly motivated by pity for the sufferings of others?

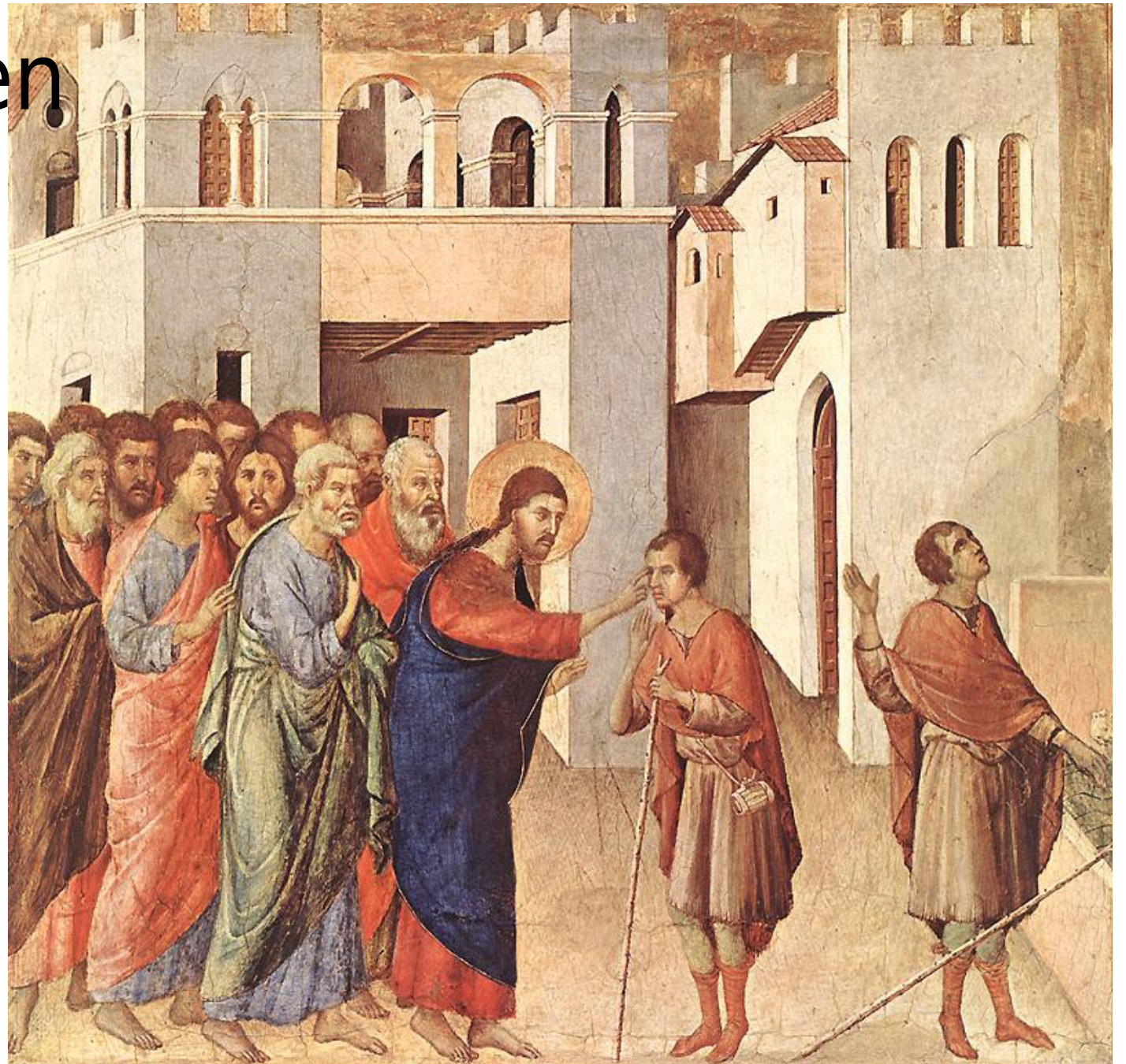
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The Pity of Jesus always moves him to action.

He does not philosophize about economics nor does he debate the worthiness of the sufferer.

Read James 2:14-26

Yet there is one kind of suffering which Jesus pities but does not act upon...



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The self-inflicted suffering of

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The rich young ruler he
sent away, empty.

