

Introduction and Context: A large crowd followed after Jesus just days before His last week of life upon the earth and he healed the blind Bartimaeus...

Observations:

I. The Awful Condition of Bartimaeus...

A. He was very poor... (almost beyond description...)

B. He was blind...

C. He was an object of pity...

Observations: 1. Jesus came to save such people...
2. Here is a graphic picture of us as we really are by nature...
**We are spiritually poor...
**We are spiritually blind Ephesians 2:1-2

II. The Pleading Request of Bartimaeus...

A. He felt his need...

1. Christ passed his way...
2. He was informed that it was Jesus...

Observation:

B. His Request Demonstrated a Real Coming to the Savior...

1. A humbled spirit...
2. A cry for mercy...
3. A plea of faith...

C. His request Demonstrated the Simple and Clear Message of Grace...

D. His request was Fervent and Persevering... "He cried out all the more..."

III. The Results of Bartimaeus' Request...

A. There was Resistance from the people...

Observation:

B. Jesus Stopped...

C. Jesus Spoke...

D. Jesus Asked "What do you want..."

Observation:

E. Jesus Granted his Soul's Desire...

F. Jesus Recognized his Faith...

IV. The Dramatic Change with Bartimaeus...

A. He Followed Christ...

B. He Glorified Christ...

Application: