

Blind Sight (Mark 10:46-52)

- Son of Man came not to be served but to serve & give his life as a ransom for many
- This is the heartbeat of Mark's Gospel; after this verse, Jesus' focus is the cross
- But before His triumphal entrance, Jesus passed through Jericho to meet Bartimaeus
- As usual, crowds were pressing around Jesus when news reached Bartimaeus' ears
- Bartimaeus, blind man & beggar who was desperately waiting for Jesus to pass by

I. Blind Bartimaeus' Plea (10: 46-48)

- Going through Jericho compounded the problem, the city was very crowded
- Levitical priests were waiting their turn to go to the temple to serve, so Jericho was full
- For Jesus, the Cross was in sight, nevertheless He would perform one more healing
- Vs 47, 48 Bartimaeus, made great effort & continually cried out to get to Jesus
- Crowds tried to quiet Bartimaeus, but he wouldn't be silenced but cried even louder
- Why wouldn't Bartimaeus keep quiet? He knew Jesus could meet his desperate need:
- 1st He was pitifully aware of his condition: He knew humanly speaking it was hopeless
- 2nd He displayed penetrating insight into the person of Christ: 'Son of David'
- 3rd He was amazingly passionate and persistent in his pursuit of Christ
- Blind Bartimaeus was exercising faith like a child, helpless dependence upon Christ
- The desperate sinner pursues Christ & receives the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt 11:12)

II. Jesus' Call and Bartimaeus' Response (10:49-52)

- Helpless Bartimaeus went for it & he was heard above the crowd, Jesus heard him (49a)
- What a view into the heart of Jesus, when the cross is looming, he still loves & serves
- Now in heaven exalted, He hears everyone of his children's plea's & still serves them so
- As soon as Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was calling him, he stopped crying out (49,50)
- Jesus let Bartimaeus explain his need, so Jesus could strengthen his faith (51)
- Bartimaeus knew perfectly well what his need was & expressed it clearly to Jesus (52)
- If we knew our needs as well as Bartimaeus, what incredible blessings would follow
- True child like dependent faith in action was rewarded, 'your faith has healed you' (52)
- Bartimaeus was saved both physically and spiritually, we read he followed Jesus
- May God give us a heart to reach the lost in their sin, telling them of our merciful Savior
- Let us point them faithfully to the 'Son of David' who alone is able to deliver them
- Urge upon them, just as Jesus was passing through Jericho, today is the day of salvation