

MESSAGE TITLE: I WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE – MARK 10V46-52

Read the passage – Mark 10:46-52 - Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

- Jesus' prophetic, public ministry is ending; He is on His way to the cross at Jerusalem
- He is willing to compassionately heal a blind man
- When the blind man hears!! He cries out – Jesus, Son of David, have mercy me!!!
- Have you *heard* of Jesus?
- Have you cried out to Him, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me?”
- Has Jesus *commanded* you to be called?
- Have you *thrown aside* your garment?
- What is your answer when Jesus asks you, “What do you want Me to do for you?”
- Would Jesus see your faith to where He would say, “Go your way, your faith has made you well”!
- Have you received your sight and are you following Him? All the way to the cross?

Mar 10:46 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timeus, sat by the road begging.

Mar 10:46 Entonces vinieron a Jericó; y al salir de Jericó él y sus discípulos y una gran multitud, Bartimeo el ciego, hijo de Timeo, estaba sentado junto al camino mendigando.

[47] when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Mar 10:47 Y oyendo que era Jesús nazareno, comenzó a dar voces y a decir: ¡Jesús, Hijo de David, ten misericordia de mí!

- The blind man knew what he needed from Jesus – mercy! He didn't come thinking that God owed him. **All he wanted from Jesus was mercy.**

[48] many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Mar 10:48 Y muchos le reprendían para que callase, pero él clamaba mucho más: ¡Hijo de David, ten misericordia de mí!

- Blind Bartimaeus had great **persistence and determination**. People tried to shut him up, but they couldn't because **he really wanted a touch from Jesus**.
- The **persistent and energetic nature** of Bartimaeus' prayer is a **good example of prayer**. He **wasn't discouraged** because no one led him to Jesus. Those who told him to stay away did not discourage him.
- He is desperate – note his persistence – same of the woman with the issue of blood; also the Syro Phoenician woman!

[49] So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man,

saying to him, "Be of good cheer (tharsei). Rise, He is calling you."

Mar 10:49 Entonces Jesús, deteniéndose, mandó llamarle; y llamaron al ciego, diciéndole: Ten confianza; levántate, te llama.

Tharsei: (used on 6 occasions)

- Mt. 9:2 (paralytic carried to Jesus for healing) – "Son, be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you"
- Mt. 9:22 (woman with 12 year issue of blood) – "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well"
- Mt. 14:27 (Jesus walking on the Sea- "have courage) – "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid"
- Mk. 6:50 (Jesus walking on the Sea- "have courage) – "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid"
- Mk. 10:49 (blind Bartameus) – "Be of good cheer, rise, He is calling you"
- Luke 23:43? – 8:48 (woman with 12 year issue of blood) – "Daughter, be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well, go in peace"
- Jn. 16:33 (Jesus to disciples- "I have overcome the world") – "but have courage, I have overcome the world."
- Acts 23:11 (Paul in Jerusalem – gentiles- "take courage")- "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome"
- *Jesus commanded him to be called.*
- How responsive are you to His call on your life?

[50] And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

Mar 10:50 Él entonces, arrojando su capa, se levantó y vino a Jesús.

- Not to be held back; Heb 12:1 "let us lay aside every weight and sin that so easily ensnares us"
- Have you cast away all outer garments, that are holding you back? Fearful? – perfect love casts out fear!
- He should throw away the garments of his own righteousness - he should rise speedily; run with joy; have full faith in the power of Jesus, and cast himself entirely upon His mercy!
- What is holding you back? Is there anything?
- What things need to be cast aside?

[51] So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

Mar 10:51 Respondiendo Jesús, le dijo: ¿Qué quieres que te haga? Y el ciego le dijo: Maestro, que recobre la vista.

- The need of Bartimaeus was obvious. Yet Jesus had a deliberate purpose in the question. There was real power in both the asking and in the answer of Jesus. God may ask us the same question, and we should be able to articulate an answer that glorifies Him.
- Jesus wanted to give the man opportunity to express himself and give evidence of his own faith. What did he really believe Jesus could do for him?
- Jesus asks, what do you want Me to do for you!!! Great question to each of us!
- Jesus wanted to hear from him, just as He wants to hear from you.
- What is your answer to His question?

- **What do you want Jesus to do for you?**

The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

- Notice the response: The title "Rabboni" (My Lord, my Master) is a strengthened form of 'Rabbi,' and means 'my lord,' 'my master.' **Only Mary Magdalene makes this as well, demonstrating personal faith!**

[52] Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well (sozo – save/free from disease). And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Mar 10:52 Y Jesús le dijo: Vete, tu fe te ha salvado. Y en seguida recobró la vista, y seguía a Jesús en el camino.

- The faith of the blind man **saved him! His belief saved him!**
- Same exact phrase as given to the woman healed with the 12 year issue of blood!! (Matthew 9:22)
- **What would He say is your faith?** "...when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" – Luke 18:8
- **Do you believe in Jesus?**

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- Now healed and saved, blind Bartimaeus then followed Jesus.
- Jesus' way became his way.
- Jesus' way was all the way to the cross!
- Are you totally committed to following Him and Him, alone? All the way to the cross?

SUMMARY:

- Where are you this morning?
- Are you blind? Do you see Jesus?
- Have you cried out? Jesus, have mercy on me!!
- As Jesus is calling you, saying "Be of good cheer", what has been your response, up to now?
- Is there anything holding you back? What is it?
- May I cast aside anything that is holding me back?
- Jesus is asking this morning, "What do you want Me to do for you"? What is your response
- Is your answer, "Rabboni (My Lord, my Master)!"
- Come into my heart, that I may see You!
- **That I may see you!**
- **That I may know You!**
- **That I may follow you all the way – forever and ever!**
- **Gospel message summary and call to salvation!**

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus

To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him

Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen

Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus (2X)

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