

Series "The God Who Serves"
"A Divine Appointment"
Mark 10:46-52
Study-41

We come in our study to the last recorded Miracle/Healing in Jesus' Ministry! The cursing of the fig tree, recorded in Mark 11:21.

There are 7 Accounts with those blind that are recorded in the gospels.

These healings are recorded to teach us that there are more people that are blind than anything else!

Spiritual Blindness: Is. 35:5

Mark 8:18

This passage is recorded in the first 3 Gospels: Matthew 20:29-34, Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:31-43.

Mark 9:14-10:52 – Lessons For Discipleship: Critical Instruction for the training of His disciples. Mark 10:46-52 – Lesson On The Need Of Faith.

The Thought Of Our Passage: "In Seeking A Relationship With God, Our Only Hope Is To Be Found In The Mercy Of God."

1. Verse 46 – The Condition Of The Man

2. Verses 47-48 – The Cry For Mercy

3. Verses 49-52 – The Gracious Savior

1. Verse 46 – The Condition Of The Man:

Mark 10:46

"And they came to Jericho." – Context – Mark 10:32-45 – "Lesson On Servant Leadership"

Jericho – Was about 15 miles Northeast from Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is situated on a ridge 2,550 feet above sea level. Jericho is 1,200 feet below sea level. This made it a 3,700-foot elevation gain. About a six-hour walk straight up to Jerusalem.

Luke 18:35 – "And it came about that as He was approaching Jericho"

Luke 19: 1-10 – Records the conversion of Zaccheus; a chief tax-gatherer, and he was rich.

There were two “Jericho's” that were about a mile apart. There was the original from Joshua 6 that was ruins and the New Jericho – “to smell”; Built by “Herod the Great” in Greco-Rome style.

His Condition – He Was Blind a “blind” – Mark and Luke say one blind man. Matthew says there were two blind beggars. There is no contradiction. It is complimentary.

His Condition – He Was A Beggar – beggar – very common scene. Being blind in Jesus’ day placed a person at the mercy of others.

Religious Stigma Upon The Blind: The general stigma to those that were blind was they were under the judgment of God. The blind were somehow suffering for their sin or disobedience, God was punishing them.

John 9:1-3

Blindness Is A Symbol Of Spiritual Ignorance/Unbelief, Spiritually Lost:
Luke 11:34-35

Isaiah 6:10

2 Pet. 1:9

Rev. 3:17

Before We Come To Jesus Christ We Are Blinded By Satan: 2 Cor. 4:3-4

Bartimaeus – Means “Son of Timaeus” Timaeus – “Unclean” so his name is “Son of the Unclean”

2. Verses 47-48 – The Cry For Mercy:

Mark 10:47

“And when he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene,” – Luke 18:36-37

Insight Into The Person Of Christ: “he began to cry out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David,’”; 2 Sam 7 – David’s descendent would sit on a throne forever; have a kingdom with no end.

Matt 20:30 – “Lord,”: “God, Master, Owner, the One to whom I belong.”

Insight To My True Condition: "have mercy on me!" – mercy –
"compassion for the consequences of sin; not giving what is deserved."

The principal Hebrew word for mercy – (compassion) speaks of "an emotional response to the needs of others. It means to feel the pain of another so deeply that we're compelled to do something about it."

This man only wants mercy. Mark 10: 32-45 – Servant Leadership.

The True And Living God Is The God Of All Mercy! Deuteronomy 4:31

Psalms 119:132

Ephesians 2: 4

Titus 3:5

Psalms 51: 1

Mark 10: 48

He Was Persistent – "but he kept crying out all the more,"

Insight Of My True Condition Will Keep Me Crying All The More Until I Find Jesus.

"Son of David, have mercy on me!" – Blind Man Was Announcing A Truth That The Religious Could Not Grasp, Jesus Christ Is The Messiah!

3. Verses 49-52 – The Gracious Savior:

Mark 10: 49

"And Jesus stopped" – This humble cry for mercy stopped Jesus in His tracks!

Mark 10: 50

That cloak was a hindrance that would keep him from coming to Jesus.

Mark 10: 51

Mark 10: 36 – "And He said to them, 'What do you want Me to do for you?'"

John 5:6

"Rabboni," – "Aramaic origin; Lord (Christ) master, chief, prince"

"I want to regain my sight!" – Literally "let me receive sight."

Isaiah 35:5

Mark 10:52

Matt 20:34

The word "well" is "saved": "Your faith has saved you"

Reality Of True Faith: "and began following Him on the road." – Literally "kept on following Jesus."

Luke 18:43

1 John 1:6-7

Application:

1. Like Bartimaeus, We Must Admit Our Inability To Help Ourselves. If Not, We Will Never Truly Seek God.
2. In Seeking A Relationship With God, Our Only Hope Is To Be Found In The Mercy Of God.
3. When We Admit Our Inability To Help Ourselves, We Will Not Be Deterred By Anything In Our Pursuit Of God.
4. When God Has Opened Our Eyes, The Natural Progression Is To Then Follow And Worship Him.