

The Gospel of Mark

Part 15: Bartimaeus: The Last Healing Miracle in Mark
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He was Blind but Believed

Mark 10:46–47 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

He heard of Jesus...and believed Jesus could heal him.

He is like all of us, who hear, read and believe.

We need to take this first step of hearing and believing every day!

He was discouraged by the crowd to keep quiet

Mark 10:48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

He was criticized and scolded yet he kept on.

We should not be surprised by the attitude of the crowd around us.

We will be told “you’re too late for help”, or “you’re too far gone.”

Where does this attitude come from (those who scoff at Christ)?

They do not have a sufficient understanding of the depth of their sin.

He followed Jesus

Mark 10:49–52 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

This is a true heart longing for Jesus.

This should characterize every believer: a life sold out to Jesus.

Willing to be rebuked for the sake of Jesus

Giving ourselves to Christ’s service.

2 Corinthians 5:14 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

Take this with you...

How are you discouraged by the voices around you?

Do you agree that Jesus’ purpose in saving you is to serve Him by serving the lost?

Are you ready to live your daily life serving Jesus and His purpose?

Do you truly believe what you have heard?

Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.