

Blind Bart

Mark 10: 46-52
"Now they came to Jericho..."

Mark 10: 46-52
Jericho...
The place where Satan took Jesus to be tempted is also the place that Jesus departed from to head to the cross...
When we follow Jesus, we have to leave those places where we've been tempted behind us... until the spiritual victory is won and the flesh is crucified.

Mark 10: 46-52
*...As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a **great multitude**, **blind Bartimaeus**, the son of Timaeus, **sat by the road begging...***

Mark 10: 46-52
...great multitude,
In the midst of a million, we're still individuals to God...
...blind Bartimaeus
Matthew records two blind men in his account of this miracle, but Mark only names Blind Bartimaeus.
sat by the road begging...
Just an ordinary day until Jesus walked into the scene.

Mark 10: 46-52
*...And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, **Son of David**, have mercy on me!"*

Mark 10: 46-52
...Son of David
Bartimaeus uses the title that identifies Jesus as Messiah - the one He would hear over and over again as He moves toward the cross.

Mark 10: 46-52
...Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Mark 10: 46-52
...many warned him to be quiet;
With friends like these...
The world will discourage you calling to Him

Mark 10: 46-52

...he cried out all the more,

Bartimaeus didn't let them deter him
He didn't let discouragement overtake him
He knew Jesus had the answer and he ramped it up

"Cry out to Jesus"

Mark 10: 46-52

*...So Jesus stood still
and commanded him to be called.
Then they called the blind man,
saying to him,
"Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."*

Mark 10: 46-52

...Jesus stood still

Jesus stops what He is doing
Or maybe Jesus focuses what He is doing
Jesus hears his cry - over all the confusion and noise
Jesus responds
His agenda

Mark 10: 46-52

..."Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."

And the discouraging, fickle crowd changes its mind

Mark 10: 46-52

*...And throwing aside his garment,
he rose and came to Jesus...*

Mark 10: 46-52

...throwing aside

When Jesus calls, what is worth holding onto?

...came to Jesus

When Jesus calls, run to Him.

Mark 10: 46-52

*...So Jesus answered and said to him,
"What do you want Me to do for you?"*

Mark 10: 46-52

..."What do you want Me to do for you?"

You have not because you ask not...
Matthew 7:7

He will give you the desires of your heart...
Psalm 37:4

Whatever you ask in my name...
John 14:13

Mark 10: 46-52

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

Mark 10: 46-52

... **Rabboni**

My great master...

In the midst of his blindness, Bartimaeus sees what only Mary Magdalene also sees - the honor and title and intimacy that a relationship with Jesus means.

Mark 10: 46-52

...Then Jesus said to him,
"Go your way; your faith has **made you well.**"

Mark 10: 46-52

...**made you well**

His faith in Jesus...

Sozo

- saves
- heals
- delivers
- protects
- preserves
- makes whole

Mark 10: 46-52

...And **immediately** he received his sight and **followed** Jesus on the road."

Mark 10: 46-52

...**immediately**
Mark's Gospel emphasizes Jesus' active response

...**followed**

Bartimaeus can choose to take his healing and go home - or to become a disciple of Jesus at a new level - as someone who could physically follow as well as spiritually follow Jesus.

His flesh is now free to go with Jesus to the cross.

Whatever road you are on today...

Cry out to Jesus
Ask
Receive

See Him as He is

Follow Him to the cross