

AM Sermon Notes

Text: Mark 10:46-52

Title: "Seeing by Faith"

Central Truth: Through faith, Bartimaeus received both physical sight and spiritual salvation from Jesus.

I. v. 46: The Condition of the Man

Jericho was about 15 miles east of Jerusalem. It was an oasis in the barren wilderness near the Dead Sea. **Bartimaeus** - son of Timaeus; (*Bar* is Aramaic for son).

1. **Blind**
2. **Beggar**

Bartimaeus' physical condition is a picture of unsaved people separated from Jesus and salvation.

II. vv. 47-48: The Cries for Mercy

v. 47a: 1. **Powerful:** KJV - **cry out**, NIV - **shout** (Greek - *krazō*) This is a strong word! It means to scream.

v. 47b: 2. **Personal:** Bartimaeus was not demanding money. He was humbly asking for mercy. Jesus does not deal with us as a crowd.

v. 48: 3. **Persistent:** **he cried** - same word used in verse 47 (*krazō*). The tense denotes repeated action - he kept on crying out!

III. vv. 49-52: The Command of the Master

v. 49a: In the midst of all this commotion, Jesus' ears were finely tuned to the persistent cries of Bartimaeus. He is always listening for lost sinners to cry out to Him!

v. 49b: This is a great illustration of what the church is supposed to do - the "main thing"! We are to bring people to Jesus.

v. 50: When Bartimaeus got the word that Jesus was calling for him, immediately, he did three things:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

v. 52: KJV - **whole**, NASB - **well**, NIV - **healed** (Greek - *sōzō*) This word can mean to save, rescue from physical danger or sickness. But this is also the most common word used in the New Testament for salvation. Mark uses it with a double meaning... Bartimaeus not only had his eyes healed physically, but his soul was saved spiritually!