

BARTIMAEUS IS HEALED

(As Jesus Passes By)

Mark 10:46-52



A Revelation of Divine Compassion:

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“AND JESUS STOOD STILL”

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Subject: The Healing Of Blind Bartimaeus
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Introduction

Fact: It was a day just like any other day for the recipient of this miracle.

Fact: It was a day when Jesus would minister to someone less fortunate than those who stood nearby.

Fact: Jesus had just delivered the shocking news. (vs. 32-34)

1. He would be delivered to the Gentiles.
2. He would be mocked, beaten and spit upon.
3. He would be killed.
4. He would rise again the third day.

Fact: Jesus is now seen leaving Jericho, on His way to Jerusalem, to die for you and me:

- A. Jerusalem is 18 miles away from Jericho.
- B. Jesus heads there with Calvary on His mind.
- C. Jesus is surrounded by a great multitude of people.
- D. Jesus encounters a blind beggar in desperate need.

Blind Bartimaeus...

#1...is sitting by the roadside begging because he had no one to care for him.

#2...is desperate, vocal and an outcast.

#3...is looking to receive gifts from those who pass by.

#4...is doing what people still do today in Palestine:

- ◆ Today in Palestine, people who are blind and maimed sit on the roadside and cry, “Bachsheesh, Bachsheesh” (Which means, “A gift, A gift”).

As Jesus Passes By 5 Notable Events Take Place (All In A Matter Of Seconds)

I. The “Crying” Of Bartimaeus

“And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me” (v. 47)

Question: Why did Bartimaeus cry out to Jesus?

Answer: #1. Because Bartimaeus had heard the reports of Jesus’ miracles of mercy:

- ◆ Lepers cleansed
- ◆ Deaf ears opened
- ◆ The dead raised to life
- ◆ Demoniacs cured
- ◆ Dumb tongues loosed

#2. Because Bartimaeus was never able to walk and go see this Miracle Worker.

- ◆ Jesus is passing his way!
- ◆ Jesus is close at hand!
- ◆ Jesus is near and opportunity is now!

(And Notice)

- ◆ Bartimaeus doesn’t dwell on “How long” he has been blind. (Dwelling on the past).
- ◆ Bartimaeus doesn’t focus on those around him. (And get distracted by public opinion).
- ◆ Bartimaeus doesn’t dwell on the severity of his illness. (Which would limit his faith).

(Instead He Says:)

- ◆ “I can’t afford to miss this one opportunity”.
- ◆ “I can’t afford to lose a moment’s time”.
- ◆ “I can’t afford to forfeit my chance to touch Jesus”.

II. The “Charging” Of Bartimaeus

“And many charged him that he should hold his peace; but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me”. (v. 8)

Question: Why did the crowd tell Bartimaeus to keep quiet?

Answer: Because they thought that Jesus was too important to be disturbed by an outcast.

Question: How did Bartimaeus respond?

Answer: The more they said keep quiet, the more he cried out for mercy.

Question: What would you do if you could touch Jesus?

Question: How would you respond if friends pressured you to “Keep quiet”?

Question: What will you do...

- ◆ ...on the job tomorrow? ◆ ...with friends tomorrow ◆ ...in church tonight?
- ◆ Will you allow someone to put a wet blanket over your appeal to Jesus?

(Bartimaeus Was Prompt In His Inquiry)

III. The “Calling” Of Bartimaeus

“And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they called the blind man, saying unto him, be of good comfort, rise; He calleth thee”. (v. 49)

Question: How did Jesus respond to the cry of Bartimaeus?

(3 Noticeables)

#1. Jesus Stopped

Fact: Jesus is busy (but not too busy).

Fact: Jesus hears the voice from the crowd.

Fact: Jesus reveals that prayer really works.

Fact: Jesus displays His compassion to those in need.

#2. Jesus Saw

Jesus could see Bartimaeus was in need (and Jesus sees you and exactly what you are needing).

“For His eyes are upon the ways of man, and He seeth all his goings” (Job 34:21)

“For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He pondereth all his goings”.
(Proverbs 5:21)

#3. Jesus Spoke

“Rise up Bartimaeus, I want to see you”

“Step up over your criticizers”

“I have something in mind for you”

“What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?” (v. 51)

IV. The “Casting” Of Bartimaeus

“And he casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus”. (v. 50)

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Question: Why did Bartimaeus throw off his garment?

Answer: Because it would trip him up if he allowed it to remain.

Fact: Bartimaeus wanted to disengage himself from everything and anything that would impede his progress.

Question: What needs “Casting off” so that you can come to Jesus with a clear conscience and full of faith?

- A. Any secret sins (unknown to the crowd)?
- B. Any fears of what others will say?
- C. Any doubt that Jesus really cares?
- D. Any unbelief that doesn't believe Jesus still heals the sick today?
- E. Any attitudes, unforgiveness, or inferiority that keeps you at a distance?

(Cast It All Away)

Question: Why is it so very important to “Cast off” every sin that would hinder you from intimacy with Jesus?

(Because Of What Sin Is And Does)

#1. Sin never satisfies the one who sins.

- ◆ “The eyes of man are never satisfied”. (Proverbs 27:20)
- ◆ Sin is powerful and addictive because it is pleasurable and stimulating to the flesh.

#2. Sin always leads to more sin.

“The evil deeds of the unsaved ensnare them, the cords of sin hold him fast”. (Proverbs 5:22)

- ◆ The very nature of sin is to strengthen its grip the longer it is entertained.
- ◆ Sin enslaves the one who feeds its cravings.

#3. Sin robs you of all joy and confidence.

- ◆ Sin bursts the bubble of joy because it breaks communion with the Father (our source of all joy).
- ◆ Sin humiliates the sinner because it steals your respect, reputation and good name.

#4. Sin hurts Jesus, family, and friends more than you know.

- ◆ The consequences of sin go far beyond the sinner.
- ◆ Willful sin also disgraces the very One who calls us to be Holy like Him.

#5. Sin robs you of God's anointing.

- ◆ It gradually drives away the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ It dulls the heart and makes you callous and insensitive (which leads to backsliding).

#6. Sin offends the weaker conscience.

“But when you sin against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ” (I Corinthians 8:12)

- ◆ Sin damages the trust that people have in Christ's church.
- ◆ Sin causes the immature believer to stumble and fall.

#7. Sin may cost you your salvation.

- ◆ Unrepented sinful lifestyles lead further into bondage.

- ◆ Hell will be full of people who failed to stop the train of sin in its early stages.

(Remember Beloved)

- ◆ Sin that is destroyed in our mind, will not become a part of our history!!!

V. The “Curing” Of Bartimaeus

“The blind man said, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way”. (vs. 51, 52)

#1. The Question:

“What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?”

- ◆ Jesus asks this so Bartimaeus will acknowledge his need and throw down his pride.
- ◆ Jesus wants to hear from you individually:

1. Be specific 2. Be definite 3. Be honest 4. Be humble 5. Be expectant

#2. The Qualification

“Thy faith hath made thee whole” (v. 52)

Question: What is faith?

Answer: Faith is believing that what you are praying for, will come about because of Divine intervention. (Repeat)

“With men it is impossible, but not with God: For with God all things are possible” (Mark 10:27)

Results

#1. Bartimaeus received his healing. #2. Bartimaeus became a follower of Jesus.

(Why?)

- ◆ Because Jesus has all power over all diseases, and can heal anyone, in anyplace at anytime!!!

Life Application

- #1. Dwelling on the past will rob you of what God wants to do in your present and future!
- #2. Everyone has obstacles and hurdles to press – through to become all that God intends you to become!
- #3. Jesus knows ahead of time exactly where you are going and what you need beforehand!
- #4. Casting off every sin will accelerate spiritual progress that God is wanting to give.
- #5. Faith still moves mountains because we have a miracle working God!

AMEN!
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