

“Be Quiet, Bartimaeus!”

Introduction:

A. Mark 10:46-52 - The last healing miracle of the book of Mark

I. ACCOUNT

A. Setting

1. The city

- a. Mark reports that the miracle occurred on the way out of Jericho
Mark 10:46
- b. Luke says it occurred on the way to Jericho - Luke 18:35
- c. There were two Jerichos at the time of Jesus; this one was about 15 miles NE of Jerusalem
- d. The old Jericho from the days of Joshua was mostly abandoned
- e. The new Jericho built by Herod the Great was an attractive city
- f. “It may be the miracle occurred as Jesus was leaving one and headed to another.” (Expositor's Bible Commentary)

2. The crowd

- a. Included Jesus' disciples and a 'great multitude' - Mark 10:46
- b. The multitude was larger because it was the time many Jews were on their way to Jerusalem to observe the Passover

3. The blind man

- a. Matthew reveals that there were two blind men - Matt. 20:29-32
- b. Luke focuses on a certain blind man - Luke 18:35-43
- c. Mark identifies him by name, Bartimaeus - Mark 10:46
- d. Bartimaeus sat by the road, begging - Mark 10:46

B. Miracle

1. Learning that Jesus of Nazareth was walking by, Bartimaeus cried out
Mark 10:47
2. The crowd wanted to shut him up, but he cried out again - Mark 10:48
3. Jesus commanded for Bartimaeus to be called
 - a. Some encouraged him - Mark 10:49 (Mocking)
 - b. He throws aside his outer garment which might hinder his steps and comes to Jesus
 - c. Mark 10:50; James 1:21; Isa, 64:6; Heb. 12:1
4. Jesus asks Bartimaeus what he wants Him to do - Mark 10:51
 - a. Jesus knows all things; why did He ask?
5. Rabboni (Master, Teacher - John 20:16), that I may receive my sight.
 - a. He already can see what is truly important
6. Jesus' response - Mark 10:52
7. The new disciple
 - a. Immediately Bartimaeus receives his sight - Mark 10:52
 - b. He follows Jesus on the road, glorifying God - Luke 18:43

II. OBSERVATIONS

A. Persistence

1. Bartimaeus persisted in spite of the efforts of others to silence him
 - a. Matt. 7:7-8
2. Persistence is the means by which God measures ones faith
 - a. Luke 18:1-8

B. Faith

1. Bartimaeus was healed because of his faith
2. Faith is the standard by which God measures our health - 1John 5:14

C. Gratitude

1. Bartimaeus followed Jesus and glorified God - Luke 17:12-19
2. Gratitude is the standard by which God measures ones conversion
 - a. 1Thes. 5:18

Conclusion:

A. Lessons:

1. Physical limits do not hinder one from coming to Jesus
2. The actions of others do not hinder one from coming to Jesus
3. One's station in life does not prevent him from coming to Jesus