

Son Stands Still

Mark 10:46-52

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Intro

*By way of introduction, would you please open your Bibles to **Revelation 3:14-18**...*

- [give background on Jesus' 7 letters to the 7 churches — **the letter that we will be reading** was addressed to the *7th and final church* that Jesus wrote to...]

Revelation 3:14-18 [*Jesus speaking to John*]

14 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,

‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

- [expand on the vivid imagery...]

The primary problem with the believers in Laodicea was the fact that they were self-deceived — notice what the Lord says in vs...

17 Because you say, “I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing” —

The Laodiceans had an attitude of ***prideful self-sufficiency***...[expand]

And although the Laodiceans thought highly of themselves, the reality was not good...

Because you say, “I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing” —and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

The true spiritual condition of the Laodiceans was terrible...

- [expand on them being spiritually **wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked**...]

It was vital that the Laodiceans ***recognized their spiritual state*** so that they might ***seek help from the Lord***...

Notice the counsel that the Lord gives in vs...

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich;

This seems to refer to that which ***glorifies God*** — true spiritual riches...

- [expand — we can only please God with the resources that He provides...]

John 6:63 (NKJV)

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”

The Lord Jesus continues on in Revelation 3:18...

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed;

This signifies the righteousness of Christ — must be received by faith from Him...

- [expand — ***self-righteousness*** vs ***Christ-righteousness***...]

and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

- [remedy for their spiritual blindness...]

*The key for the Laodiceans was the fact that they needed to **recognize their need** and then **go to Jesus to have their need met**...[expand]*

- Until that happened, the Laodiceans would ***look great from the outside*** and remain in their ***wretched spiritual state on the inside...***

Now, as we turn to Mark 10, we see a very similar situation...

In our text we will encounter a blind man who ***recognizes his need*** and as a result ***cries out to the Lord Jesus for help...***

- [expand on applying to all of humanity — every human being must ***recognize their spiritual blindness*** and ***cry out to God for help...***]

*So, with this as our introduction, would you please follow along as I read the passage we will be studying this morning in a message I have entitled **Son Stands Still...***

Mark 10:46-52

46 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

47 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!”

48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

49 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.”

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

51 So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”

52 Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Now, I've divided this text into two sections...

1) *Bartimaeus' Request*

2) *Jesus' Response*

Let's move into our first section...

1) Bartimaeus' Request (vs 46-48)

But before we get into this section of Scripture it is important that we understand the context...

With this in mind, please look back with me starting at vs 32 of Mark 10...

Mark 10:32-45

32 Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed.

- Jesus' ministry is winding down and He is headed to Jerusalem which was the epicenter of the opposition against Him...[expand]

And as they followed they were afraid.

- The disciples are worried about going to Jerusalem...

Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:

33 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles;

34 and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

- This is the third time in Mark's gospel that Jesus spoke to His disciples about what would happen to Him in Jerusalem...[expand]

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”

36 And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

37 They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.”

- Here we see that James and John were choosing to be ***self-focused*** instead of ***others-focused***...[expand]

38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

- The Lord Jesus is referring to ***suffering*** and ***death***...

39 They said to Him, “We are able.”

- This is clearly a prideful and flippant response...

So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;

40 but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared.”

Jesus tells it like it is — *they can have 2 out of the 3 things they asked for...*

- They can have the **suffering** and **death** but Jesus can't guarantee them those places of honor... 😬

41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

It is likely that the other disciples were upset because ***they too wanted those positions of prominence...***

42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

- This is indispensable instruction on servant leadership [expand]...

Now, as we move into vs 46 we realize that the Lord Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem and that He has been teaching the 12 what true discipleship looks like...

- And that teaching will continue as a blind man becomes a **living example of discipleship for all to see...**👁️👁️

Let's move into vs...

46 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

As Jesus and His disciples continue on their way to Jerusalem, a blind man named Bartimaeus is on the side of the road begging for money...

- And it is obvious that this is a man in need...[expand]

Now, it seems likely that Bartimaeus was just one of many beggars who were stationed along the road seeking to receive alms from the pilgrims who were traveling to Jerusalem for Passover...

- [expand on scene — destitute people begging for money — the blind ones crying out, trying to get their share...]

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth,

As Jesus and His group pass by Bartimaeus, Bartimaeus hears that **Jesus of Nazareth** is one of the crowd...

Next we read that blind Bartimaeus...

began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David,

Here Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus by addressing Him with the Messianic title, **Son of David...**

- [expand on the Jewish people's recognition that the Messiah would come from the line of David...]

We read in...

Jeremiah 23:5-6

**5 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord,
“That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;
A King shall reign and prosper,
And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.**

**6 In His days Judah will be saved,
And Israel will dwell safely;
Now this is His name by which He will be called:
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”**

So, the great irony in Mark 10 is the fact that *blind* Bartimaeus **recognized Jesus as the Messianic Son of David** while so many people who had *physical sight* **completely missed this truth...**[expand]

- Now, Bartimaeus does not stop with a mere recognition of the fact that Jesus is the **Son of David...**

*Instead, Bartimaeus **applies** this information — he **acts** on the truth that Jesus is the Messiah and cries out...*

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Interestingly, this phrase **have mercy on me** is found seven 7 times in the OT and each time it is found in the ***Psalms...***

- Also, *each time* the psalmist cries out for mercy he is addressing the Lord...[expand]

Let me give you a few of those usages...

Psalm 6:2

**Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak;
O Lord, heal me, for my bones are troubled.**

Psalm 30:10

**"Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me;
Lord, be my helper!"**

Psalm 31:9

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
My eye wastes away with grief,
Yes, my soul and my body!

With these verses in mind, it seems reasonable to believe that when Bartimaeus cries out **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!** that Bartimaeus believes that Jesus is *more than a man...*

- Though Bartimaeus is *blind* he **sees something** that most don't...

And because of what Bartimaeus sees, he calls on the **Lord Jesus** just like the psalmists called on the **Lord God...**

Moving on to vs...

48 Then many warned him to be quiet;

In response to the the fervent plea of Bartimaeus many warned him to shut it... 🙊

- Now, we don't know who the **many** mentioned in this verse were...

Maybe they were the disciples, maybe they were pilgrims on the way to Jerusalem, maybe they were the people of Jericho...

- *But whoever they were, though they were many, **they were wrong...***

Simply put, it is wrong to try to keep people from calling on the Lord...[expand]

For more on this subject would you please turn to...

Romans 10:12-14

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

13 For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

- As believers ***we are to encourage people to call on the name of the Lord...***[expand]

*As we turn back to Mark 10 and move into the last part of vs 48, I love how Bartimaeus responds to the many — **he completely ignores them...***

but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Instead of being silenced, *Bartimaeus just gets louder...*

- [expand on what the scene must have looked like...]

APPLICATION - Let's encourage people to continue calling on the Lord no matter what the many might say...[expand]

Let's move now from ***Bartimaeus' Request*** to...

2) Jesus' Response (vs 49-52)

Now, as we move into this section we find what ***four of the most wonderful words in the Bible...***

49 So Jesus stood still

- [scene of Jesus walking, noisy crowds around Him and ***one voice*** makes itself heard above the crowd...]

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

And what is the response of the Savior to this persistent cry?...

So Jesus stood still

*This is awesome! — **The Son stood still...***

Think about it — the Creator of the Universe — the eternally existent second person of the Trinity **standing still** in response to the cries of a blind man named Bartimaeus...

We see a somewhat similar situation in...

Mark 1:40-41 (NKJV)

40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”

41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.”

- [talk about how these examples reveal the compassion of the Lord Jesus...]

We too should seek compassion from the Lord — and then share that compassion with others...[expand]

Continuing on in Mark 10:49 we read...

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.

Wonderfully, Jesus instructs those around Him to call Bartimaeus to come to Him...

Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”

This is quite a change of attitude...

- Just a moment ago people were telling Bartimaeus to ***quiet down*** and now they are telling him to ***cheer up***...

And it is possible that these are simply different people who are encouraging Bartimaeus...[expand]

- But it is also possible that the same people who wanted Bartimaeus to be quiet are now exhorting him to go see Jesus...

If so, this is a reminder that ***Jesus' treatment of others changes our perspective of others...***

- When we see that He loves them then we are reminded that we should love them as well...

So, if we are treating people *poorly*, it is likely that we have *lost sight of how the Lord treats people*...[expand]

As we move into vs 50 we see that Bartimaeus does not need to be asked twice...

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

Bartimaeus throws aside his outer garment that he had likely been using to collect money on...

- If this is how it happened then this is an awesome picture of Bartimaeus forsaking all to go to Jesus...
[expand]

51 So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

It seems obvious that Bartimaeus would want *sight* but Lord Jesus seeks to draw Bartimaeus out...

- Here we are reminded of the unassuming nature of the Lord Jesus — it is ironic that Jesus *knows all* — but He is *not* a “*know-it-all*”...

The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni,

This word **Rabboni** means *teacher* or *master*...[expand]

- [expand on Bartimaeus surrendering to the Lord Jesus — submitting to the Lord Jesus' authority...]

Bartimaeus continues...

"Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

Bartimaeus has ***spiritual sight*** and he wishes to experience ***physical sight*** as well...[expand]

52 Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way;

I find this very interesting — ***before*** the Lord Jesus heals Bartimaeus, *the Lord Jesus gives Bartimaeus **freedom**...*
[expand]

This reminds me of what the Lord Jesus said in...

John 10:9

"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

- [expand on this promise of freedom...]

Jesus continues in vs 52...

"Go your way; your faith has made you well."

It is important to understand that it was the ***focus*** of Bartimaeus' faith that enabled the healing — it was not merely the faith itself...[expand]

- It is vital that ***the Lord Jesus*** is the focus of our faith...
[expand]

Moving on in vs 52 we read...

And immediately he received his sight

- Once he received his sight, ***the first person that Bartimaeus saw was the Lord Jesus...***[expand]

As believers, we will experience something quite similar the moment we die...

2 Corinthians 5:8

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Now, as we move into the last section of our last verse we see that Bartimaeus...

followed Jesus on the road.

A disciple was born — Bartimaeus is healed and he immediately begins to ***follow the Lord...***[expand]

This reminds me of what Jesus said in...

John 12:26

"If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor."

- [encourage all to follow after Jesus...]

We also read in...

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

- [exhort all to follow Jesus — wherever He may lead...]

We will stop here for today and Lord-willing be back in 1 Peter next week...

Conclusion

As we close I'll leave you with three application questions...

1) How is your spiritual sight?...[expand]

2) Are you crying out to the Lord?...[expand]

3) Are you following the Lord?...[expand]