



## Blind Bartimaeus

July 3

### INTRODUCTION:

**REVIEW:** The Bible Project, Mark (be cautious with other videos)

**KEY POINT:** spiritual sight, humility, mercy, discipleship

**A.M. SERMON RECAP** (Luke 19:1–10, Zacchaeus, Rob McF)

- Who was Zacchaeus and why was it surprising Jesus went to His house?
- What fruit, or evidence, do we see of Zacchaeus' conversion? Where do we see this in our lives?
- What does it mean that Jesus came to 'seek and save the lost?'

**P.M. SERMON RECAP** (Mk 10:32–45, The Servant King)

- Why is it good (and biblical) to sing?
- Why did Jesus come? What type of Messiah would He be?
- James and John wanted glory. How could they not do what Jesus was about to do, yet at the same time, how were they called to it?
- 'Ransom for many' further describes the type of Messiah Jesus would be. What does it mean and imply?

**READ:** Mark 10:46–52

### QUESTIONS:

1. *V. 47- Jericho was a one day journey east of Jerusalem in the Jordan River Valley. Jesus is leaving for Jerusalem. The crowds probably include pilgrims for the coming Passover.*
2. *Again, there are fans (crowd) and followers (disciples).*
3. *Usually names are not given.* Why do you think Mark shares this man's name?
4. Why was he sitting by the roadside? Why this road?
5. **Read John 20:30–31. How many blind people do you think Jesus may have healed over His three-year ministry?**

6. *This middle section of Mark, which includes 3 foretelling's of His death + teachings on discipleship, is bookended by two such stories. See Mk 8:22. What are they about? How does Mark use them to symbolize how God opens our eyes to see who Jesus is and what it means to be His disciple?*
7. Had the disciples yet grasped He would be a suffering Messiah?
8. *V. 47- Bartimaeus could hear the crowd with Jesus coming. What do you think this was like for Him? (When we heard of X?).*
9. *Bartimaeus didn't just believe Jesus of Nazareth but that, He was the looked for 'Son of David.' The curtain has been lifted further, Jesus is the Son of Man, the Christ, the Son of God, and now accepts the title of the Son of David.* How do some gradually see who Jesus is today?
10. **V. 48a and 50. What characterizes this man? What should we look for in genuine would-be converts? How do they respond to Jesus' call?**
11. What did beggars usually look for?
12. **V. 48-Known as the 'Jesus Prayer.'** Who did he recognize Jesus & himself as and what more than money did He ask for? How is this necessary for salvation? (c.f. 52).
13. How is this simple prayer a model for unbelievers and believers alike?
14. Contrast vv. 48 and 49. What do they tell us about the crowds?
15. **V. 51- If it was clear what the man needed Jesus to do for him, why did Jesus ask such a rhetorical question?**
16. Back in v. 36, what had James and John asked for!?
17. *V. 51b He uses Rabboni, the more respectful form of Rabbi.*
18. **V. 52b- Having been healed because of his faith, what does the man immediately do? How is this a mark of a true disciple?**
19. **While not entirely fulfilled yet, how should have a prophecy like Isa 35:1–10 be dawning on people's minds?**

**NEXT WEEK:** July 10- Isaac Blesses Jacob, Gen 27